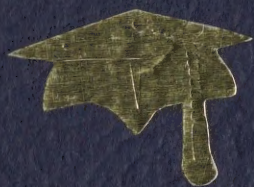


"Class of  
1955"



50th

Reunion

Memory  
Book







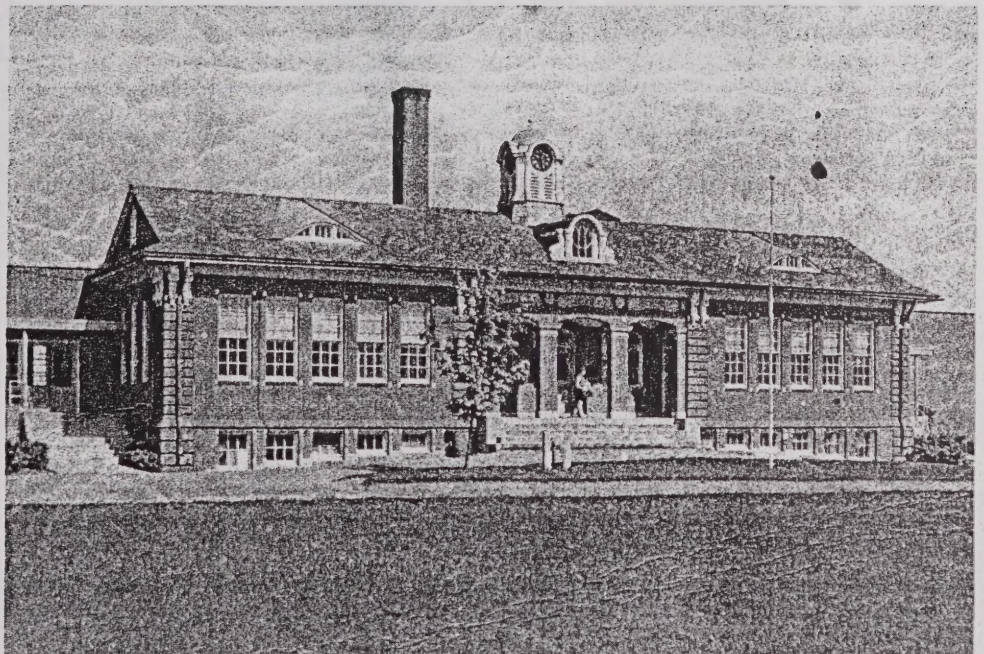
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# The Chronos

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## CLASS SONG

Tune: MELODY OF LOVE

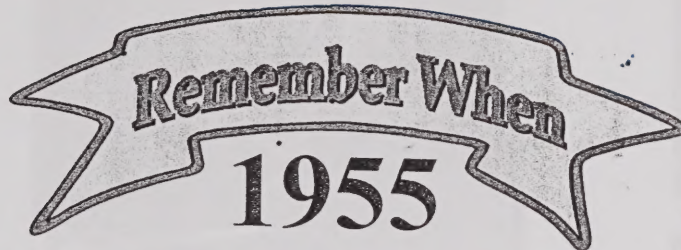
Words by Nancy Shea and Mary Lou Pike

*School days now are ending.  
As we part,  
Memories will linger  
In each heart.  
We wish the best to teachers,  
Classmates, too,  
As we part, God speed to you!*

*May God guide your footsteps,  
Through the years,  
Bring you joys unending,  
Banish fears!  
Good luck to all our Classmates,  
Teachers, too;  
As we part, God speed to you!*



Friends are the  
Flowers in the  
Garden of Life



To: Charlton Library  
From: "Class of '55"  
Date: September 3, 2005

*The richness of life  
lies in the memories  
we have forgotten.*

*Some people come into our lives  
and quietly stay.*

*Others stay for a while,  
leaving footprints in our hearts  
and we are never the same.*





Lillian Carrington



Kenneth Manning



Nancy Shea



Leo Sullivan



James O'Leary



Esther Stevens



William Beroit



Madeline Soucy

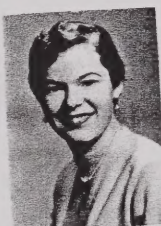
# Charlton High School Class of 1955



Sylvia Ianniccheri



Paul Riopel  
President



Mary Pike  
Vice-President



Janet Germain  
Secretary



Elizabeth Piche  
Treasurer



William Cameron



Maureen Colby



Beverly Sargent



Meredith West



David Dam



Wilbur Johnson



Arlene Brown



Patricia Roussel



Fay Carleton



Dorothy Eppley



Barbara Cierich



Janice Bartley



Lucille Schwartz



Grace Fitts



Constance Lavigne

Loring





## DEDICATION

We, the Seniors of Charlton High School's fiftieth graduating class, are happy to dedicate our year book to a teacher whose example, guidance, and instruction have been a source of encouragement and enlightenment for many years. To Mrs. Sarah A. Madaus do we, therefore, present our year book as our token of affection and appreciation.

ENING NEWS, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1957

### *Charlton Teacher is Honored For Her 50 Years of Service*

A golden anniversary testimonial at Charlton High School yesterday afternoon marked the 50th year as a teacher at Charlton of Mrs. Sarah A. Madaus.

A purse was presented to Mrs. Madaus by Joseph R. Burgess, Superintendent of Schools in Charlton.

The 78-year-old teacher of English and mathematics joined the Charlton faculty in 1907, after previously teaching for six years

in Worcester elementary schools from 1897, shortly after her graduation from Worcester Normal School, to her marriage in 1903.

Her son and daughter, George Madaus and Mrs. Mary Nugent, also served as teachers at Charlton. They were both on the receiv-

ing line at yesterday's celebration.

Also on the receiving line were Superintendent and Mrs. Burgess. Members of the senior class served as ushers.

Fellow teachers longest in service with Mrs. Madaus were in charge of the guest book. These included Mrs. Gladys Baker, and Mrs. Emma Hammond. Florence and Nellie Putnam and Mrs. Henrietta Tucker acted as pourers.

The committee in charge of arrangements included Robert Ewing, principal at Charlton; Mrs. Simonne Carpentier; Mrs. Mabel Fiske, English instructor at Charlton; Mrs. Alberta Putnam, a member of the Charlton School Committee; Willard McCracken; Mrs. Henrietta Tucker and Ruth Duhamel.



# ENROLMENT LIST

NAME OF THE SCHOOL, *Charlton High School - Grade 12*

CAUTION.—Do not enter in this list the name of any pupil who has been previously enrolled in the Register of some other school or class of the town or the State within the school year. See direction III, page 2; also the second footnote, page 1.

| NAME IN FULL    | Grade | Date of Enrollment | Place of Birth City or Town and State | Date of Birth (Yr., Mo., Day) | Age October 1* | RESIDENCE       | PARENT OR GUARDIAN      | REMARKS                    |
|-----------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Janice Claire   | 12    | 1934-9-8           | Hope, R. I.                           | 1932-1-2                      | 16-9           | Charlton Depot  | Robert Bartley          | Doris Morrisette W. Warren |
| William James   | "     | "                  | Southbridge, Mass.                    | 1936-9-26                     | 18-0           | Charlton City   | William J. Benoit       |                            |
| Arlene Ethel    | "     | "                  | Charlton, Mass.                       | 1937-9-12                     | 17-1           | Charlton City   | Mrs. Ethel Menoche      |                            |
| William Richard | "     | "                  | Auburn, Mass.                         | 1937-3-16                     | 17-7           | Dodge           | William W. Cameron      |                            |
| Jay Katherine   | "     | "                  | Southbridge, Mass.                    | 1937-7-4                      | 17-3           | Charlton City   | Frank Carleton          |                            |
| Lillian Lucile  | "     | "                  | Charlton, Mass.                       | 1937-12-29                    | 16-9           | Charlton City   | Joseph Cunningham       |                            |
| Barbara Ann     | "     | "                  | Charlton, Mass.                       | 1937-11-30                    | 16-10          | Charlton, Mass. | Joseph Cierpick         |                            |
| Aileen Ann      | "     | "                  | Exeter, N. H.                         | 1938-7-28                     | 16-2           | Charlton, Mass. | Maurice Corby           |                            |
| David Nelson    | "     | "                  | Medford, Mass.                        | 1937-12-20                    | 16-9           | Dodge           | Mrs. Percy Kingdon      | State Ward                 |
| Dorothy Ellen   | "     | "                  | Southbridge, Mass.                    | 1936-2-23                     | 18-7           | Dodge           | Harry Eppley            |                            |
| Lucia Ella      | "     | "                  | Charlton, Mass.                       | 1938-5-1                      | 16-5           | Charlton        | Emory L. Fette          |                            |
| James Ann       | "     | "                  | Worcester, Mass.                      | 1937-6-21                     | 17-3           | Charlton City   | Edward Germain          |                            |
| Sylvia Patricia | "     | "                  | Southbridge, Mass.                    | 1935-10-6                     | 19-0           | Charlton City   | Mrs. Mary Jannichen     |                            |
| Hubert Alvin    | "     | "                  | Southbridge, Mass.                    | 1937-9-8                      | 17-1           | Charlton City   | William Johnson         |                            |
| Antonia Joan    | "     | "                  | Southbridge, Mass.                    | 1937-11-22                    | 16-10          | Charlton        | Wick Laigne             |                            |
| Kenneth Donald  | "     | "                  | Charlton, Mass.                       | 1937-9-21                     | 17-0           | Dodge           | Kenneth L. Manning      |                            |
| James           | "     | "                  | Worcester, Mass.                      | 1935-8-12                     | 21-2           | Charlton        | Mrs. Amos Lawrence      |                            |
| Elizabeth Anne  | "     | "                  | Southbridge, Mass.                    | 1937-5-24                     | 17-4           | Charlton City   | Pheliza Piche           |                            |
| John            | "     | "                  | Worcester, Mass.                      | 1937-8-15                     | 17-2           | Dodge           | Earl Piche              |                            |
| Patricia Elaine | "     | "                  | Southbridge, Mass.                    | 1937-3-19                     | 17-6           | Charlton City   | Doria E. Roussel        |                            |
| Beverly Ann     | "     | 1934-9-10          | Worcester, Mass.                      | 1937-4-9                      | 16-4           | Dodge           | Howard W. Sargent       |                            |
| Lucille Ann     | "     | 1934-9-8           | Worcester, Mass.                      | 1937-11-23                    | 16-10          | Dodge           | Emanuel Schwartz        |                            |
| Henry Marie     | "     | "                  | Worcester, Mass.                      | 1937-10-4                     | 17-0           | Charlton        | Maurice Shea            |                            |
| William Martha  | "     | "                  | Charlton, Mass.                       | 1936-9-20                     | 18-0           | Charlton City   | Ovide Soucy             |                            |
| Esther Mae      | "     | "                  | Charlton, Mass.                       | 1937-3-20                     | 17-6           | Charlton        | Mrs. Grace Diamond      |                            |
| Les Albert      | "     | "                  | Watertown, Mass.                      | 1931-2-1                      | 23-8           | Charlton City   | Mrs. Mrs. Anty Sullivan |                            |
| Walter          | "     | "                  | Worcester, Mass.                      | 1937-2-1                      | 17-8           | Charlton City   | Schuyler West           |                            |



# 1955 TIMELINE

January

The U.S. give \$216 million in aid to South Vietnam.

February

In Mississippi, tornadoes kill 29 people.

March

The United States Air Force unveils the self guided missile.

April

In the Philippines, 200 die as an earthquake hits the south.

May

Construction begins on the Soviet cosmodrome launch facilities.

June

Bill Haley and the Comets' "Rock Around the Clock" hits #1 on Billboard charts.

July

CBS starts a new program with Johnny Carson to counter George Gobel on NBC.

August

President Eisenhower increases the minimum wage to \$1 per hour.

September

Israel celebrates the discovery of oil.

October

"Captain Kangaroo" premieres on television.

November

An Alabama woman is bruised by a meteor.

December

The first prototype of hovercraft is patented.

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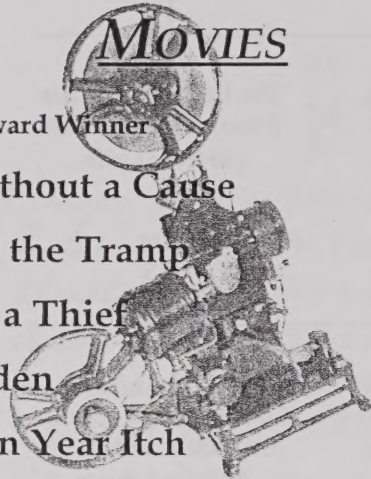


# 1955 MUSIC & MOVIE FAVORITES

## MUSIC

## MOVIES

- **Marty**  
Academy Award Winner
- **Rebel Without a Cause**
- **Lady and the Tramp**
- **To Catch a Thief**
- **East of Eden**
- **The Seven Year Itch**



- Ain't That a Shame - by Pat Boone
- Autumn Leaves - by Roger Williams
- The Ballad of Davy Crockett - by Bill Hayes
- Hearts of Stone - by The Fontane Sisters
- Learnin' the Blues - by Frank Sinatra
- Let Me Go, Lover - by Joan Weber
- Sixteen Tons - by "Tennessee" Ernie Ford
- Rock Around the Clock - by Bill Haley & His Comets
- Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing - by The Four Aces
- Sincerely - by The McGuire Sisters

# 1955 SPORTS NEWS

**World Series Champion**  
*Brooklyn Dodgers*

**U.S. Open Golf**  
*Jack Fleck*

**Pro Football Champion**  
*Cleveland Browns*

**Indianapolis 500 Winner**  
*Bob Sweikert/128.209 MPH*

**Stanley Cup Winner**  
*Detroit Red Wings*

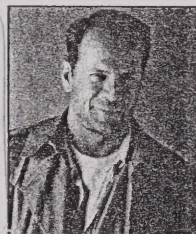
**NCAA Basketball Champion**  
*San Francisco*

**College Football Champion**  
*Oklahoma*

**Heisman Trophy Winner**  
*Howard Cassady from Ohio State*  
THE RAMS BEATS THE GIANTS  
23-17 IN THE FIRST SUDDEN DEATH  
PRESEASON NFL GAME.

## REMEMBER WHEN...

# 1955 BIRTH NOTICES



**March 19**  
**Bruce Willis**  
Walter Bruce Willis was born in Idar-Oberstein, West Germany. His family moved to the small town of Carneys Point, NJ. Many people first remember Willis from his role on the television series, "Moonlightning." Some of Bruce's movies include: "Die Hard," "The Sixth Sense," and "The Fifth Element."



**February 20**  
**Kelsey Grammer**  
Kelsey Grammer, was born in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. Grammer trained at the Juilliard School, then acted on stage in theatres across the US. He is best known for his role as Dr Frasier Crane, originally seen in the hit NBC series, "Cheers." Then in 1993, Grammer got his own show called "Frasier."



**January 18**  
**Kevin Costner**  
Kevin Costner was born in Lynwood, CA. He fell in love with acting at an early age. Kevin's directorial debut, "Dances With Wolves," earned him both Best Picture and Best Director awards at the 1990 Academy Awards. Some other movies Costner acted in include: "Field of Dreams" and "Tin Cup."

**March 28**  
**Reba McEntire (Entertainer)**

**November 3**  
**Phil Simms (NFL Quarterback)**

**November 29**  
**Howie Mandel (Entertainer)**

**April 2**  
**Dana Carvey (Comedian)**



TAKE A LOOK BACK AT  
1955  
AND REMEMBER WHEN...

## 1955 WORLD NEWS

Great Britain proclaims an emergency crisis due to a railroad strike.

U.S. occupation of Japan ends.

Argentina's President Juan Peron is overthrown by a military coup and flees to Spain.

Winston Churchill retires as British Prime Minister.

Israel and Egypt agree to a cease-fire.

Australia takes control of the Cocos Islands.

The Warsaw Pact is signed by the Soviet Union, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania.

The Geneva Conference is held to discuss peaceful uses of atomic energy.

### **REMEMBER WHEN...**

H&R BLOCK WAS FOUNDED IN KANSAS CITY.

## 1955 INTERESTING FACTS



President of the  
United States  
Dwight Eisenhower



Vice President of  
the United States  
Richard Nixon

### **Pulitzer Prize Winner**

*A Fable* by William Faulkner

### **Nobel Peace Prize Winner**

*No Nobel Peace Prize was awarded in 1955.*

### **Miss America**

*Lee Meriwether (San Francisco, CA)*

### **Speaker of the House of Representatives**

*Joseph W. Martin (R) Then Sam T. Rayburn (D)*

### **Life Expectancy**

*69.6 Years*

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| New House | \$10,950.00 |
|-----------|-------------|

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Average Income | \$4,137.00 per year |
|----------------|---------------------|

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| New Car | \$1,910.00 |
|---------|------------|

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Average Rent | \$87.00 per month |
|--------------|-------------------|

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tuition to Harvard University | \$800.00 per year |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Movie Ticket | 75¢ each |
|--------------|----------|

|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| Gasoline | 23¢ per gallon |
|----------|----------------|

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| United States Postage Stamp | 3¢ each |
|-----------------------------|---------|

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| Eggs | 27¢ per dozen |
|------|---------------|

|                        |               |
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| Fresh Ground Hamburger | 56¢ per pound |
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| Fresh Baked Bread | 18¢ per loaf |
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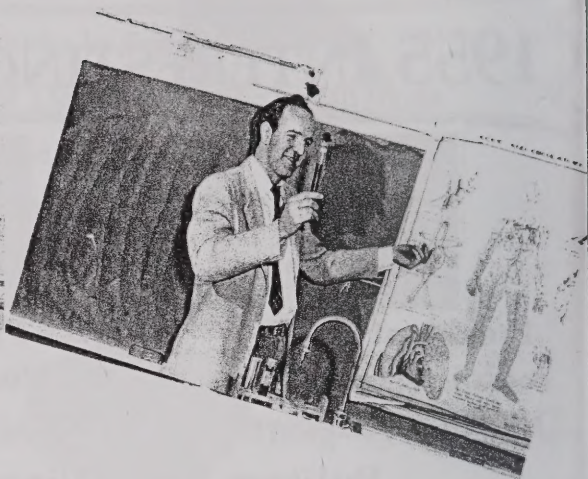
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| Granulated Sugar | 85¢ for 10 pounds |
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| Vitamin D Milk | 92¢ per gallon |
|----------------|----------------|

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| Ground Coffee | 80¢ per pound |
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| Bacon | 58¢ per pound |
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*We Wish To Express*

*Respect*

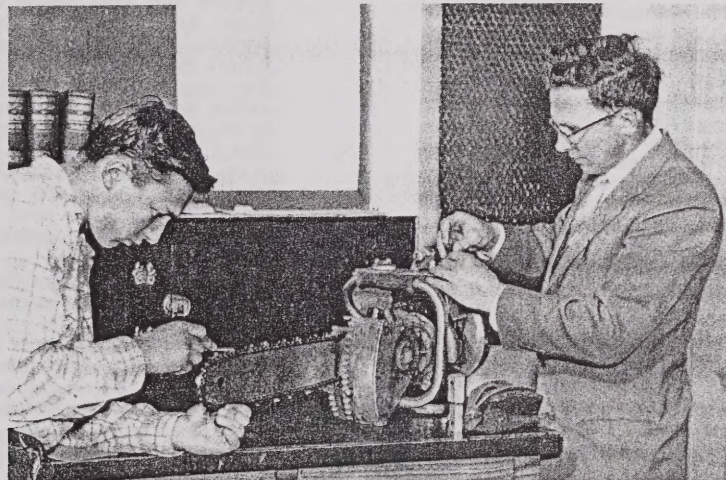
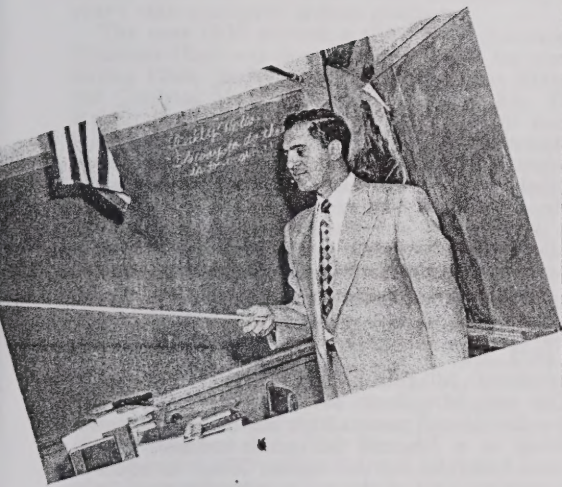


*Appreciation*

*To Our Teachers*









# A HISTORY OF CHARLTON HIGH SCHOOL

## 1905 - 1955

In March of 1905, by an almost unanimous vote of the citizens of Charlton, rooms at the Center, left vacant by the removal of officers to Dexter Hall, were reconditioned to serve as a local high school. This was a small two story, white edifice that stood where Dr. Achin's home now is. It was similar in construction to the old district schools.

The first principal was Mr. Perry Howe, assisted by Miss Faith Hills, who later became Mrs. Luther Burlingame. During the winter, the high school gave an exhibition consisting of declamations, music, and wand drills.

The superintendent of schools, Mr. Wallace E. Mason, gave a great deal of credit to Mr. Perry Howe and to Miss Faith Hills for their faithful work in planning and developing a high school curriculum.

In 1907, Mr. Perry Howe, the principal, reported that there was a new schedule of studies for 40 periods per week. Art and music became a part of the curriculum.

In 1908, thirty pupils were enrolled. Charles Thomas, the principal, reported that there was one comprehensive course from which pupils might enter any college or technical school. This year two pupils were graduated.

In 1909, Mr. Herbert Collar, who became principal of the high school, urged the townspeople to erect a new building, but he failed in his efforts. This year's graduates numbered twelve.

In 1910, Mr. Collar, the principal, advocated three courses in the high school: college preparatory, commercial, and industrial. He felt that more practical courses should be given. In this year's class, there were two pupils graduated.

In 1911, when Mr. Frank English became principal, the greatest need was for science equipment and a new building. The enrollment was increasing and the scholarship standard was much higher. Three pupils comprised the senior class.

In 1912, Mr. English reported that greater emphasis was being placed on English and science. He expressed his regrets at the resignation of Mrs. Burlingame, to whom he gave a great deal of credit for the progress of the high school. This year three pupils were graduated.

In 1913, the principal, Mr. English, again urged the people to erect a new building and furnish adequate equipment. He believed that more practical courses must be offered to attract new pupils. Diplomas were awarded to five people.

In 1914, Mr. English reported that many changes had been made in the high school courses, to meet the need of the pupils and the community which was proved of its class of three graduates.

In 1915, Mr. Frank English, who had been principal for five years, resigned and Sylvan B. Genthner became the new principal of Charlton High School. This year a generous gift, to be known as the Phillips' Fund was given for a Household Arts Class. At this time, Miss Florence Putnam, music supervisor, joined the faculty. Miss Putnam has been indefatigably donating much of her time and effort to the development of music in Charlton High School. Alas! No graduates this year!

In 1916, Mr. Genthner reported that there were eight pupils graduated and that there was a great improvement in general school morale. This year Domestic Science was offered for the first time and taught by Mrs. Adaline Genthner.

In 1917, thirty-eight pupils were enrolled, under the new principal, Mr. Frederick A. Carpenter, who strongly urged that an Agricultural and Commercial course be installed. This year graduates numbered five.

In 1918, there were no graduates, so Mrs. Faith Burlingame, who had again joined the faculty, presented an exceptionally fine Junior day entertainment. This year tools were purchased for manual training. Mrs. Grace Hollis, teacher of Domestic Science, joined the faculty this year. Mr. Carpenter urged that the time allowed for music be increased. This was a World War I year, and a good deal of time and effort was devoted to Red Cross work and Bond Campaigns.

In June, 1919, seven pupils were graduated. Mr. Carpenter reported that science equipment had been purchased for the laboratory. He also strongly urged the townspeople to provide for a much needed athletic program.

In 1920, Mr. Carpenter continued to plead for a play ground. This year's class consisted of seven pupils. A commercial

department was added, and Miss Mary Hurley was elected as its first teacher. The principal asked for the use of the Town Hall for basketball, but his request was denied.

In 1921, Mr. Kenneth Tyler became principal. He reported that the high school enrollment had increased so much that some of the classes had to be held in the Universalist Church, and pupils were obliged to travel from one building to another. Some dances were held during the winter, and Miss Putnam produced a Pilgrim Tercentenary program. This year there were three graduates.

This year 1923, was a red letter year, as the new high school was completed. All grades were, at first, housed in the new edifice. This year, Mrs. Sarah Madaus, a much loved, loyal and efficient teacher of our present high school faculty, entered this new building as a 7th and 8th grade teacher. She has labored long and faithfully for the highest ideals in education and character training. Out of the ten pupils who were graduated this year, seven went on to Normal Schools and colleges. Two new teachers were hired, Miss Ruth Clark, as teacher of English and Miss Emma Gale, as Commercial teacher. She is better known today as Mrs. Emma Hammond. She started teaching commercial subjects in our high school the first year it was built and she has been graciously and most efficiently directing the Commercial Department, with its many extra duties, for the past thirty-two years. The baseball team, coached by the principal, won more than half of the games played this year.

In 1924, Mr. Everett Greene came as Principal of the high school; and Miss Carey as teacher of English. The principal's report discussed the need of an athletic field and told of the first Prize Speaking Contest that was held. This year C. H. S. graduated ten people.

In 1925, Mr. Greene reported that fifteen pupils were to be graduated and that the increased enrollment made the building crowded.

The first annual Senior Play was presented this year, and the Second Prize Speaking contest was held. Both of these activities were to become important annual events in the extra curricular life of our high school.

In 1926, the first six grades of school were removed from our high-school building. Mr. Everett W. Green, who was principal at that time felt that this removal resulted in a better spirit of cooperation at Charlton High School. In this year fourteen pupils were graduated.

During the year of 1927, a new and progressive principal, Mr. Willard Spalding, arrived in Charlton. This year was the first year in which our annual magazine, "The Highlights," was edited by the student body. The graduation class of this year was fourteen pupils. This was also the year that a club program was introduced. The various clubs were as follows: Dramatic, Debating, Foreign Language, Commercial and Handicraft.

In 1928, Mr. Riccio, a teacher of manual training was hired. Under his guidance, the boys made many useful house hold articles. A new club, the History Club, was added this year. This year fifteen pupils were graduated.

In the year of 1929, three new teachers joined the faculty, namely; Miss Emily Manzi, in Grade 7, Miss Ruth Horne, a teacher of English, and Mr. Robert Bruce, a teacher of science. This year sixteen pupils received diplomas.

In the fall of 1930, a new and efficient principal, Mr. H. L. Mushroe, arrived. This was also the year that Miss Mabel Bryant, who is now Mrs. Rodney Fiske, joined the faculty as teacher of English and coach of the Dramatic Club. Office Practice was added to the Commercial Course. This year sixteen pupils were graduated.

In the year of 1931, the enrollment increased beyond that of any previous year. Biology became a required subject for all sophomores, also the Shorthand system was changed to the latest method—Gregg, at the recommendation of Mrs. Hammond. A school mimeograph was purchased for the commercial department. The commercial students, under the guidance of Mrs. Emma Hammond printed their own magazine, "The Highlights," on the new mimeograph machine. Two new clubs, the French Club, and the Honor Society were started. This was also the first year that the Seniors published a Year Book.



The most important event of this year was the fact that the New England College Admission Board granted Specimen Certification privilege to the high school. In June, thirteen pupils went forth with diplomas.

The Year 1932 witnessed an increase in the enrollment and an addition of a Science Club. The big event of this year, through the combined efforts of Mr. Mushroe and Mr. Bruce, was that basketball became a vital part of the Athletic Program. Another high light of this year was that the first Junior Prom, supervised by Mrs. Faith Burlingame, was held. This year's class numbered sixteen graduates.

The year 1933 showed a still greater increase in enrollment. Charlton High was now making a name for herself, as our Debating Club, under the direction of Miss Mabel Bryant, won the Quaboag Valley Debating Championship. This year, Coach Robert Bruce had a championship baseball team. Our science laboratory was moved to the former manual training room, and a new senior room was added. In June 1933, the Massachusetts State Department of Education raised Charlton High School from a B rating to an A rating, and we are proud to have kept this classification. There were fourteen pupils graduated.

In 1934 there were some new curricular changes as the Civic Art Course replaced the General Course; World History replaced Ancient History for sophomores, and another library day was added for special work. During this year, the beloved and efficient Mrs. Faith Hills Burlingame passed away. She was a member of the high school faculty for many years, and much of the credit for the development of our school in its early years, must be given to her. Mr. George Madaus became a regular member of the faculty this year. He had been substituting for Mrs. Burlingame during her illness.

The year 1935 showed an even greater increase in the school's enrollment, and another library day was added. This year, Mrs. Fiske's debaters won the permanent possession of the silver cup given by the Quaboag Valley Debate League. This year fourteen pupils were graduated.

The year 1936 brought some changes in the high school curriculum as American History, for the first time was offered in the Junior year, and Problems of Democracy, in the Senior year. Mrs. Fiske's debaters and orators won the Massachusetts State Meet, and four of them traveled to Oklahoma City to participate in the National Contest. The Glee Club Pup Concert, directed by Miss Putnam, helped to furnish funds for the Oklahoma trip. Twenty-four high school pupils attended the music festival at Springfield, Mass. The C. H. S. Council sponsored the Annual Play Contests.

In 1937, art, supervised by Miss Merle Wilder, was taught for the first time, two days a week. Mrs. Mabel Fiske was elected Mass. State Chairman of the National Forensic League; therefore, Charlton High School was host to twenty-two Massachusetts High Schools that participated in the meet. Schools closed at noon, and all teachers in town served as executives and judges for this event. Organizations in town served meals, and various families entertained the guests. The Annual Play Contests were again sponsored. Mr. Mushroe reported the enrollment to be 209, and curriculum to be unchanged, except for the alternation of College preparatory courses. Miss Putnam took four pupils to the Music Festival at Hyannis, Mass. One of Mrs. Fiske's orators was a Mass. State winner and was sent to the National contest held at Jacksonville, Illinois. Twenty-seven pupils were graduated in June.

In 1938, Mr. Joseph R. Burgess, a new and capable superintendent, recommended that Charlton and Sturbridge have a combined newspaper, so "The Bay Path News" was printed by the commercial department of the high school, efficiently supervised by Mrs. Emma Hammond. This year over ninety pupils were studying some form of extra-curricular music with Miss Florence Putnam in charge. In April of this year four of her students went to the New London Music Festival. This year an event occurred which affected greatly, the educational status of our high school. Charlton High School was advanced by the New England College Entrance Certificate Board from Specimen College entrance privilege to approve standing. The name of Charlton then appeared on the printed list of the College Boards, and still does. The council sponsored the Annual Play Contest. This year, twenty-one pupils went forth as graduates.

In 1939, the Charlton High School Year Book was dedicated to the memory of the school doctor, Alvin R. Moses, who passed away that October. The high school debaters were again Quaboag Valley Champions—this time they were coached by Mr. George Madaus. The Student Council sponsored the Annual Play Contest. This year, the library, as recommended by the Principal, was opened an extra day a week to enable the pupils to do reference work. The track team, coached by Mr. Robert Bruce, won the Brookfield-Charlton meet. Despite the mud, the baseball team did a good job playing outside games. Mr. Bruce's basketball team also won seven games this season. Four music students went to Boston to the Annual Festival. Graduates numbered twenty-three.

In September, 1940, the high school enrollment was the highest so far with 217 pupils. A new Senior room had been added. A comptometer was purchased for the office practice course. Members of the Glee Club sang over station W.O.R.C. Diplomas were presented to eighteen members of the graduating class.

In 1941, Mr. Mushroe reported that American Education Week was again well observed and that courses in First Aid, and Automobile safety were inaugurated. The Annual Play Contests were again sponsored by the council. Six pupils attended the Music Festival at Keene, N.H. Twelve of our debaters and orators participated in the Massachusetts State Meet at Hyannis, Mass. this year. The year book was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Grace Hollis, who passed away in the fall of last year. In June, thirty-three pupils were graduated. This was the largest class, so far, to leave Charlton High School.

In 1942, Charlton High School lost two very efficient and valuable teachers—Mr. George Madaus, teacher of history and successful debating coach, and Mr. Robert Bruce, teacher of science and popular athletic coach. Mr. George Madaus, who had served the school well for nine years and Mr. Bruce, for thirteen years, were replaced by Miss Mary Cashen—teacher of history, and Mr. Richard Headstrom, teacher of science. Mr. Robert Baggs was elected coach of athletics. The play contests were again held, in October. Mr. Mushroe reported that the high school was all out for the War Effort. Clubs were changed to meet war time needs. The High School Victory Corps was established and Physical Fitness became an important part in the program. Twenty-seven pupils were graduated in June.

In 1943, the high school enrollment dropped to 161, a fact which was due, of course, to war conditions. Again the club program was organized around the war effort with First Aid, Red Cross, Scrap Book, Pre-Induction, and Aeronautics Clubs taking place of peace time groups, such as Debating, Good Writers, and Dramatics Clubs. The school won the Minute-Man Flag and the Schools at War Scrap Book, made by the pupils, under the direction of Miss Jeannette Partridge, teacher of art, and Mrs. Mabel Fiske won the Massachusetts Honorable Mention Citation. The Annual Play Contest was again School Graduates. The Treasury of the U. S. sent us a citation for our sale of bonds and stamps known as the Jeep Campaign. Under the Government subsidy plan, the Lunch Counter, ably directed by Mrs. Paul Harris, served a complete hot dinner for 15 cents. Sixteen pupils were graduated this year.

In September of 1944, Charlton High School again lost a valuable and efficient teacher, Miss Emily Manzi, whose strong discipline and sense of humor, had kept grade seven in line during the past fifteen years. This year three teachers joined the high school faculty. Mrs. Horton replaced Miss Manzi, Miss Cashen was replaced by Mr. George Maloney and Mr. Headstrom, by Mr. Eugene Berube. The annual play contest was held. Four of the Pre-Induction training courses were added to the curriculum. In June, 1945, twenty-one pupils graduated.

In September, 1945, Miss Jeanne Blanchet joined the faculty as Grade 7 teacher. Charlton High School, coached by Mr. Robert Baggs, had a wonderful athletic season. The basketball team won the Western Worcester County Championship and again participated in the Clark College tournament, winning the first game in the semi-finals. This year our school won the Good Sportsmanship Trophy given by the Western Worcester County. Twenty-one students were graduated in June, 1946.

In September of 1946, Miss Claire Berthiaume joined the faculty as 7th grade advisor. The annual Play Contests were held, also the annual Magazine Contest, which had become a popular school activity for more than ten years. Three students, accompanied by Miss Putnam, attended the Music Festival at Brattleboro, Vermont. Again C.H.S. was represented in the Forensic State Contest held in Ashburnham, by 7 pupils. In June, 1947, twelve students graduated from Charlton High School.

The year 1948, showed a continuing increase in the enrollment of Charlton High School. The annual Play Contests were again sponsored by the Student Council. The Magazine Contest was held again this year. Charlton High School was once again represented in the annual New England Music Festival by four students, who accompanied Miss Putnam to Portland, Maine. The senior class took its annual class trip to New York City. This year nineteen students were graduated.

The fall of 1948, proved that the present high school building was no longer adequate to hold the present enrollment. As a result of a large seventh grade, two classes had to be made. A class of twenty-one students was held in the lower Town Hall. Two new teachers joined the faculty, Mrs. Estelle Ziemski, who replaced Miss Berthiaume in the seventh grade and Mrs. Margaret E. Healey, who taught the seventh grade in the lower Town Hall and Latin. Mrs. Ziemski was coach of the Girls' Basketball team this year. The Annual Play Contests



were held again this year, also the Prize Speaking Contest and the Magazine Contest. The Senior Class took its annual Class trip to New York City. The entire high school was again active in the Junior Red Cross. In early spring, construction on the new wings of the high school was begun, as it was voted by the town, to relieve the over-crowded classrooms in the City Grade School as well as the High School. In June, 1949, twenty-three students were graduated.

In late fall of 1949, completion of the new wings brought many changes at Charlton High School. Grades 7, 8B, and 12 were moved into the right wing, also a new and modern cafeteria was opened to the school, under the supervision of Mrs. Laura Vizard. Grades 4, 5, and 6 were placed in the left wing. An Agriculture Course was offered to the boys under the direction of Mr. E. Lawrence, also the Home Economics Course was offered to the girls, directed by Miss Regina Hill, who later became Mrs. Hoey. Two other new teachers were Miss Mary Morrison, as seventh grade advisor and French teacher, Miss Vera Themistocles, who replaced Mr. Malony, in the ninth grade as teacher of History, also was girls' athletics coach. June, 1950 twenty-eight graduated.

In the year 1951, several teachers were employed as Home Economics teachers, the vacancy left by Mrs. Hoey was first filled by Mrs. Vetterling, later in the year by Mrs. L. Miller and lastly by Mrs. Dorothy Flemming. This year was also the year that Mr. William Ball joined the faculty as 9B advisor and coach of the boys' basketball team, while Mr. Berube coached baseball. Miss Ernestine Lemere joined the faculty as seventh grade advisor to replace Miss Morrison. Miss Jeanne Farr was our new Art supervisor. Twenty-three students were graduated this year.

In the fall of 1951, Charlton High lost a very valuable and well liked teacher, when Mr. Eugene Berube left. He served our high school for seven years as teacher of sciences, also as boys' athletic coach. He was temporarily replaced by Mr. James Butler, later by Mr. Hamel and then by Mr. Clayton Barton. This year, Mrs. Estelle Ziemski rejoined the faculty as teacher of History and ninth grade advisor, to replace Miss Themistocles. Mr. Robert Lucey was employed to replace Mr. Lawrence as Agricultural teacher. Miss Barbara Lavelle joined the faculty as teacher of Home Economics. The senior class took its annual trip to New York City. This year the annual year book was printed by a company instead of the high school students. This enabled us to have more pictures in our year book. The graduates for this year numbered twenty-three. Miss Jeanne Farr was teacher of art.

The year of 1953, showed a continuation of our growing enrollment, with two seventh grade, two eighth grades, and two eleventh grade home rooms. Two new teachers were em-

ployed to take care of this increase. Mrs. Helen Stevens, who was a graduate of this high school class of 1919, was advisor of 7B, and Mrs. Eleanor McNamara, advisor of 7A. Miss Enid Holmberg was employed as the teacher of art. Mr. Joseph Gribouski also joined the faculty, as teacher of Agriculture. The Dramatic Club presented its annual three-act play, plus three one-act plays, under the direction of Mrs. Mrs. Fiske. The Annual Music Night was held under the direction of Miss Putnam. The senior class took its annual trip to New York City. In June, twenty-eight pupils were graduated.

In the fall, we started the school term under the direction of a new principal, as Mr. H. L. Mushroe had left after twenty-three years of faithful service. Charlton High School should be very grateful to Mr. Mushroe for much of the remarkable advancement of our school. Mr. Robert S. Ewing became our new principal, and Mr. Ball, our new assistant-principal. The senior class, for the first time in our history, took their class trip to Washington, D. C. Miss Montigny joined the faculty as seventh grade teacher, and Mrs. Vera Bancroft joined the faculty as teacher of Home Economics. The annual Dramatic Club Play and Music Night were again held. The graduation class of this year had thirty-nine students, one of the largest classes to graduate from Charlton High School.

In September, 1954, the largest enrollment of Charlton High was recorded, with 293 students attending. This year also seemed to bring a turmoil in the faculty, as Selective Service took over two of the new teachers, Mr. John Kane, and later Mr. Edmund Pecukonis, who replaced Mr. Kane. Mr. Michael Pizziferri was then elected to fill this vacancy. Miss M. Lantelme was hired to teach French and English. She was replaced by Mr. Paul P. Chassé. Mr. Paul Mitchell was elected to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Ziemski. Two additional teachers were hired—Mr. David Boudreau, advisor in 7-6 and Miss E. O'Donnell, to assist in the Commercial Department. Miss O'Donnell later resigned and Mr. Joseph Loignon was hired to fill the vacancy. The Dramatic Club sent a one-act play to the Massachusetts State Drama Festival held in Gardner, Mass. This play was coached by Mr. Mitchell and we are proud to say that one of our students was awarded as one of the best actors of the event. The High School took part in many activities during this year: Athletics, Clubs, Dances, and several other activities, but one of the biggest was the sponsoring of a Korean child for one year. This was done last year, also, through the Save The Children Federation.

The graduation of twenty-eight students in June will terminate the last fifty years of Charlton High School. What the future will bring cannot be determined now, but let us hope that Charlton High will continue the splendid job it has been doing to make our youth a stronger, wiser and loyal citizens to their town, their state, and their country.

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, Janice Bartly, leave my jokes to Pauline Gaudette to tell.

I, William Benoit, leave my false tooth to Tony Gillespie.

I, Arlene Brown, leave the Junior boys, although I hate to.

I, William Cameron, leave a trail of broken hearts.

I, Lillian Carrington, leave my love for shorthand to Theresa Robidoux.

I, Fay Carleton, leave my soft-spoken voice to Arlene Kelley.

I, Barbara Cierpich, leave my love of cooking to Dolores Favreau.

I, Maureen Colby, leave my sense of humor to Judy Baylies.

I, David Dam, leave because Madeline is.

I, Dorothy Epply, leave my small build to Nancy Davis.

I, Grace Fitts, leave my office work to any able Junior.

I, Janet Germain, leave my singing in the corridors to Beverly Barnes.

I, Sylvia Ianniccheri, leave Joe Plante to a certain Junior girl.

I, Wilbur Johnson, leave my "rod" to Norman Dugas.

I, Constance Lavigne, leave my musical ability to Nancy Baker.

I, Kenneth Manning, leave my typing ability to Francis Young.

I, James O'Leary, leave the book "One Thousand

Excuses For Being Absent" to Richard Cummings.

I, Mary Lou Pike, leave ..... as soon as possible.

I, Betty Piche, leave my quick temper to Patricia Arnold.

I, Patricia Rousell, leave my neatness to Janice Carpenter.

I, Paul Riopel, leave Joe Caprera without cigarettes.

I, Lucille Schwartz, leave my giggle to Beverly Hunt.

I, Nancy Shea, leave my bright red hair to Eleanor Casey.

I, Madeline Soucy, leave my "true heart" to my sister Joan.

I, Leo Sullivan, leave the high school with no men.

I, Esther Stevens, leave my willingness to settle down to Gail Hammond.

I, Beverly Sargent, leave my extensive vocabulary to Freddie Foskett.

I, Meredith West, leave my driving ability to Robert Towers.

To the Juniors, we leave our ability to be the "best class in the school."

To the Sophomores, we leave our ability to raise money.

To the Freshmen, our ability to be calm, cool, and collected.

To Mr. Ewing, we leave our most sincere and heartiest thanks for everything.

To Mrs. Hammond, we leave all our love and respect.

ARLENE BROWN



In September, 1949, we started our first year in Charlton Junior High School with Miss Morrison, as our teacher. There was an enrollment of forty-six pupils, twenty-nine girls and twelve boys. However, we lost five pupils namely, Merle Langway, Lorraine Pelletier, Michael Nardon, Gordon Snow, and George Jones which brought our enrollment down to forty-one.

The Class officers elected were: President-David Dam; Vice-President-Constance Lavigne; Secretary-Arlene Brown; and Treasurer-Elizabeth Piche.

Our Honor Roll students were: William Benoit, Fay Carleton, Barbara Cierpich, Dorothy Eppley, Wilbur Johnson, Constance Lavigne, and Beverly Sargent.

Five members of our class took part in the Prize Speaking Contest. There were Fay Carleton, David Dam, Beverly Sargent, Madeline Soucy, and Raymond Williams.

In October we moved from the old room downstairs now known as the Agriculture room into a room in the new wing.

In September, 1950, we started our second year in Junior High School with thirty-nine pupils, eleven boys and twenty-eight girls, but six students: Paul Nichols, Margaret Bond, Robert Clark, William Bushey, Theresa Drake, and Donald Piche left us. Later Janet Germain, Anne Shangle, Nancy Reiser and John Bougourd joined our group. Under the direction of Mrs. Madaus, we again settled down for a year of study.

Our class officers were: President-Constance Lavigne; Vice-President-Patricia Roussel; Secretary-Arlene Brown; and Treasurer-Madeline Soucy.

Our Honor Roll students were: William Benoit, Fay Carleton, Barbara Cierpich, Dorothy Eppley, Wilbur Johnson, Constance Lavigne and Beverly Sargent.

We were sorry to lose one of our members, Anne Shangle, who moved out West.

Thus ended our second and last year in Charlton Junior High School.

In September, 1951, we started our Freshman year in Charlton High School with thirty-five pupils. But, as everyone knows, a class grows smaller. During this year, we lost four pupils, namely Philip Allen, Barbara Snow, Marion Griswold and Gloria Tower. Later we gained one new member, Lucille Schwartz. In that year, Mrs. Ziernski was our supervisor.

Our Honor Roll students were: Fay Carleton, Barbara Cierpich, Dorothy Eppley, Wilbur Johnson, Constance Lavigne and Beverly Sargent.

Our class officers for the year were: President-Beverly Sargent; Vice-President-William Benoit; Secretary-John Bougourd; and Treasurer-Mary Lou Pike.

In September, 1952, we began our Sophomore year under the direction of Mrs. Fiske. Now we had thirty-one pupils but soon lost some. Those who left us were: Constance Poulin, Hazel Burlingame, Genevieve White and Paul Fredette.

Our class officers elected for this year were: President-Constance Lavigne; Vice-President-Mary Lou Pike; Treasurer-Wilbur Johnson and Secretary-Beverly Sargent.

This year we made a very good profit with our Sophomore Hop and also won the Magazine Contest, two sources of revenue which helped our Treasury considerably.

Our Honor Roll students for this year were: William Benoit, Fay Carleton Barbara Cierpich, Maureen Colby,



## CLASS HISTORY

David Dam, Dorothy Eppley, Grace Fitts, Wilbur Johnson, Constance Lavigne, Mary Lou Pike, Patricia Roussel, and Beverly Sargent.

In September, 1953, we started our Junior year with twenty-six pupils with Mrs. Hammond as our beloved supervisor. We welcomed a former classmate, Nancy Reiser. We were sorry to lose two of our members namely, Nancy Reiser and John Bougourd later in the year.

Our class officers for this year were: President-William Benoit; Vice-President-Paul Riopel; Secretary-Constance Lavigne; Treasurer-Mary Lou Pike.

We sold candy to add money to our fund for the Junior Prom.

Our annual Junior Prom was presented on May 9, with Perry Conte's Orchestra furnishing the music. The town hall was beautifully decorated in the class colors, blue, yellow, and white, with a Mexican design. A revolving crystal ball was a feature that made the decorations and the hall twice as beautiful.

Finally our class rings arrived and that was when we realized we had only one more year at Charlton High.

We ended our Junior year with sadness, but, still looking forward eagerly to the opening of school when we would start our final and our best year in Charlton High School.

September finally came and we were back to Charlton High School to complete our last year under our beloved supervisor, Mrs. Hammond. We now had twenty-six pupils and later gained two more, namely, James O'Leary and Leo Sullivan who are veterans. We now have a total of twenty-eight.

Our class officers are: President-Paul Riopel; Vice-President-Mary Lou Pike; Secretary-Janet Germain; and Treasurer-Betty Piche.

We began our many activities with our Senior Play, which was "Janey's One-Track Mind." Leading parts went to Beverly Sargent, David Dam, Mary Lou Pike, Wilbur Johnson, Janet Germain, William Cameron, Arlene Brown, and William Benoit. With the help of Mrs. Fiske, our coach, the play was a great success.

We also raised money for our treasury by two food sales, two paper drives; we sold Christmas cards, and also served a successful supper. We also made a profit by serving lunch at an auction.

Our D.A.R. Representative for this year is Grace Fitts, and our Graduation Speakers are Barbara Cierpich, Constance Lavigne, Beverly Sargent and Wilbur Johnson.

During our February vacation, we went to Washington D. C. for our five-day class trip. The Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Ball; Mr. and Mrs. Gribowski; Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Fiske.

We all had a good time. It was an educational trip, as well as a pleasure trip and we wish to thank Mr. Ewing for helping us raise our Washington trip fund.

People on the Honor Roll at the end of the 3rd ranking period were: Highest Honors: Barbara Cierpich, Grace Fitts and Constance Lavigne. Honor Roll: Fay Carleton, Maureen Colby, David Dam, Dorothy Eppley, Wilbur Johnson, Patricia Roussel, Beverly Sargent and Nancy Shea.

We, the class of "55" will keep our six years at Charlton High School still in our memories. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all the help and inspiration given to us.

LILLIAN CARRINGTON



# SUPERLATIVES

| <i>Name</i>        | <i>Favorite Saying</i>                 | <i>Pet Peeve</i>    | <i>Favorite Song</i>       | <i>Life Ambition</i>        | <i>Favorite Pastime</i>   |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| William Benoit     | Ha-Ha                                  | Girls               | The Berry Tree             | Air Force                   | Hot-rodding               |
| Arlene Brown       | I probably Care.                       | Detention           | A B C Boogie               | Marriage                    | Horsin' Around            |
| Janice Bartley     | What Did I Did?                        | Boys                | Kentucky Waltz             | U. S. Marines               | Talking                   |
| Lillian Carrington | Dear Me!                               | Stencils            | Two Hearts                 | House-wife and a Family     | Donald                    |
| William Cameron    | Oh, Shut up!                           | Detention           | Earth Angel                | U. S. Marines               | Going Steady              |
| Maureen Colby      | sof ofn a gun.                         | Posters             | Crazy Otto                 | Artist                      | Eggbert                   |
| Fay Carleton       | For Pete's sake!                       | Time limits         | Make Love to me            | To Be happy                 | Horse Riding              |
| Barbara Cierpich   | My word!                               | Party Lines         | Unchained Melody           | Music                       | Baking                    |
| David Dam          | Jecker's Crow!                         | Shorthand and Plays | The High and the Mighty    | Air Force                   | Madeline                  |
| Dorothy Eppley     | Don't Cry.                             | Spiders             | That's All I want from you | A Son                       | Donny                     |
| Grace Fitts        | not really!                            | Oral themes         | Pledging my love           | Own a car                   | Music                     |
| Janet Germain      | sure, sure!                            | Bad food            | Pledging my love           | Marriage                    | Fishing                   |
| Sylvia Iannacheri  | cha! cha!                              | Teachers            | Heart of Stone             | Marriage                    | Dancing                   |
| Wilbur Johnson     | heavens!                               | Girls               | Melody of Love             | Army                        | Sports                    |
| Constance Lavigne  | nuts!                                  | Hypocrites          | Melody of Love             | Undecided                   | Violin                    |
| Kenneth Manning    | t'aint Nothing.                        | Shorthand           | Crazy Otto                 | Air Force                   | Green Ford                |
| James O'Leary      | quit teasing me.                       | English             | Tea for Two                | Bachelor                    | Burning Gas               |
| Mary Lou Pike      | Don't know, do you?                    | School              | How important can it be?   | Hawaii                      | Writing Letters in school |
| Patricia Housell   | cat fish!                              | Homework            | Suddenly                   | Undecided                   | Reading                   |
| Elizabeth Piche    | Just wait, just wait and see.          | Collecting Money    | Sincerely                  | Owning Woolworth's          | Baking                    |
| Paul Riopel        | Ixnay                                  | Teachers            | Sincerely                  | Bachelor                    | Hot-rodding               |
| Nancy Shea         | Don't Bet your life onit.              | Gossips             | Unchained Melody           | See the world               | Music                     |
| Lucille Schwartz   | Gee Whiz                               | Oral Themes         | Earth Angel                | Travel                      | Horse back riding         |
| Madeline Soucy     | Thanks, Pal<br>Thanks a lot.           | Getting in early    | Stowaway                   | Canada                      | Dave                      |
| Leo Sullivan       | Brown Nose!                            | O'Leary             | Lucky Ole Sun              | Graduate                    | Guy and Shawnee           |
| Beverly Sargent    | Oh, My!                                | Spiders             | Ave Maria                  | To be Taller                | Riding                    |
| Esther Stevens     | Gosh Darn!                             | School              | Sincerely                  | Than Mr. Chasse             | Alfred                    |
| Meredith West      | Oh, for Pete's sake.                   | Hasn't any          | Honey Babe                 | Marriage                    | Hot-rodding               |
| Mrs. Hammond       | Let's make it PERFECT!                 | Messy Desks         | Harbor Lights              | Travel                      | Counting money            |
| Mr. Ewing          | Some day you can't even make a dollar. | Late comers         | I' be seeing you           | Teaching                    | Giving test in Problems   |
|                    |                                        |                     |                            | A school without discipline |                           |



It has been 10 years since our graduation from Charlton High School and now, on the anniversary of that memorable day, June 9, 1965, we, Dorothy Eppley and Patricia Roussel, started on an important business trip to Washington, D. C. We were the Presidents of the Federal Bank of America in New York City.

On our way to the airport we stopped at the Ann's Hospital to visit one of our employees, who had had an accident. On the way to the room where the sick girl was, we nearly collided with a nurse who was carrying a medicine tray. She was none other than Barbara Cierpich who was now married and the mother of three children. She told us that in the near future she planned to build her own hospital.

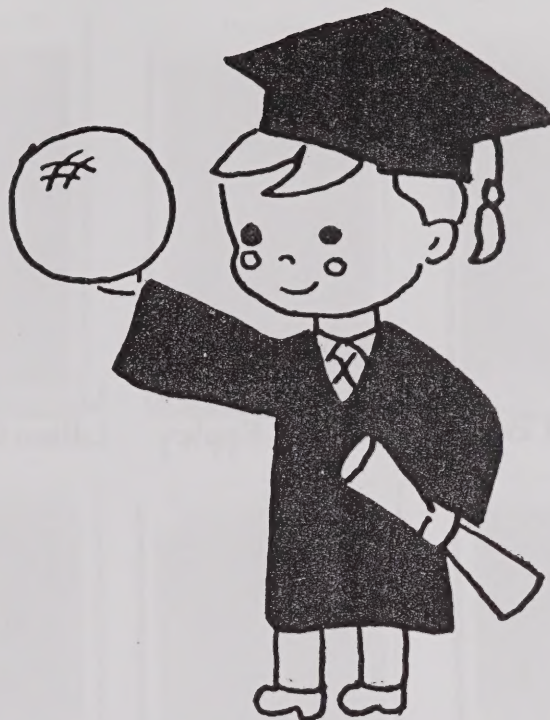
After leaving her, we called for a taxi and we were surprised to find the driver to be Kenneth Manning, who had a taxi service consisting of fifteen cabs. On the way to the airport he told us that he had married Janice Bartley and that they were the proud parents of six children. He said that besides the house work Janice also ran a cafeteria by the name of the Blue Moon.

Our husbands met us at the airport and as they walked us towards the plane we met the pilot who turned out to be David Dam. He told us that after he had been discharged from the Air Force he had gotten a job here. Dave called the airline hostess over and she was none other than Madeline Soucy. They told us that they planned to be married, at long last, as soon as Madeline finished her year as a hostess.

As we took our seats in the plane, we found seated next to us William Benoit who was now a general in the Air Force. He said he was going to Washington to see the President at his special request. He said the Air Force was now his life work.

Also on the plane was Fay Carleton, now married. She told us she had given up her position as private secretary to be with her husband who had recently been transferred to Washington. With her were her three small sons.

When we arrived in Washington we went straight to the White House to meet the President of the United States who was our own Wilbur Johnson. From him we learned that William Cameron had become the best test pilot in the world. He had just recently broken the light barrier and had won world renown. While we were there the Secretary of State came to see him. She happened to be none other than Grace Fitts. Grace was still single and liked it that way. When we asked her about Lillian Carrington, she told us that Lillian was married to Donald and that they were running their own farm which was the largest in Massachusetts.



## CLASS PROPHECY

Upon leaving the White House we went to a garage to rent a car. The owner, who was James O'Leary, came out to talk with us. Jim said he owned a whole chain of garages across the United States. From the car we rented we knew he was doing very well.

We checked in at the Continental Hotel and the owner, our own Mary Lou Pike, gave us the best rooms in the hotel. She said that she was having as much trouble as ever with seniors on class trips. While we were there, the Charlton High Seniors came in with their principal who was now Leo Sullivan.

Of course we had to go shopping where we met our old friend Betty Piche. She now owned the Woolworth Stores. She told us she was married and had five little girls. We asked what was the best movie to see while we were here and Betty told us to see "Love Me Always," starring Arlene Brown. Ethel was

nominated the best actress of the year. She still wasn't married but Kenny was still number one on the list. As we left the store we met Miss America of 1965, who was Lucille Schartz. She told us she was still single and was having too much fun to get married right away. She was the same Lucy she had been in school. When we asked about Meridith West we were told she was in Europe. She had gone there for a visit and had liked it so well she decided to stay for several years.

We soon reached the beauty salon which was owned by Nancy Shea. Nancy showed us around and told us that only the rich ladies came here to have their hair done. While we were there, Sylvia Ianniccheri came in. She was now married to Joe and they owned some of the largest oil wells in the world. When we asked about Janet Germain we were told she was the world's best costume designer. She had designed all the clothes that Ethel wore in her picture.

As we got to the place where our appointment was to be held, we met Paul Riopel who now owned a ranch in Texas where he raises all the beef that Uncle Sam uses to feed his boys. He told us he was married to Beverly Sargent and they had just become the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. We also learned from him that Constance Lavigne had become a great violinist and had appeared at Carnegie Hall many times. She was rated among the top violinists of the world.

As we left Paul, we ran into Esther Stevens and Maureen Colby. We learned that Esther had married Alfred and was the proud mother of two sets of two boys. As for "Mo," she had a horse farm and raised some of the best race horses in the United States. She was also a great artist and her horse paintings were considered the best.

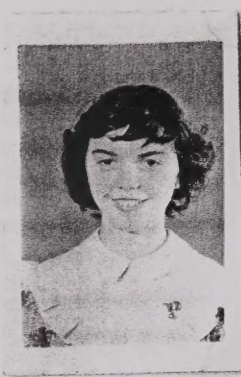
As we started back to the hotel, we talked over how our classmates had become a success in each his own way and how they were helping to make this a better world in which to live.

DOROTHY EPPLEY AND PATRICIA ROUSSEL

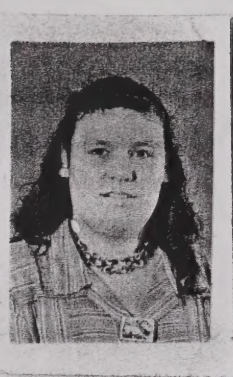




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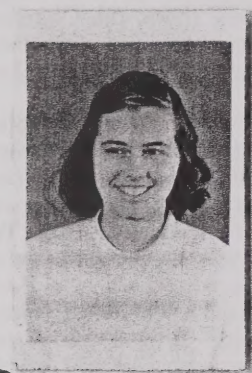
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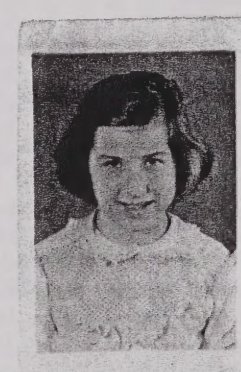
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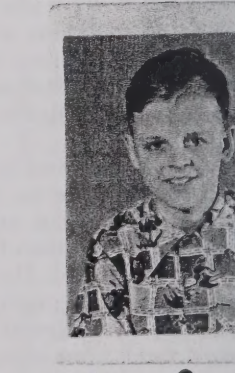
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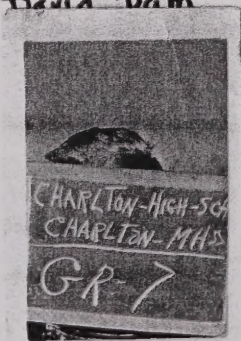


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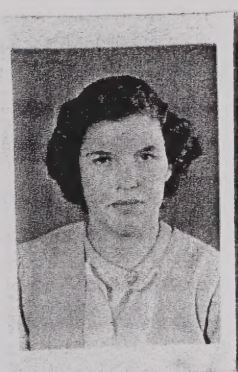
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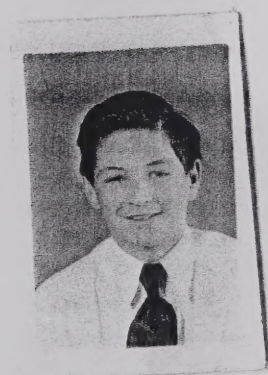
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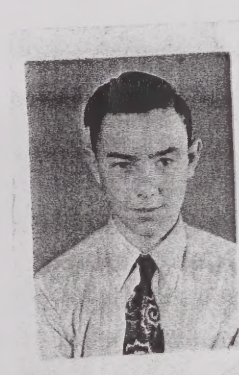
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GRADE SEVEN







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GRADE NINE



GRADE TEN





DRAMA CLUB



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SENIOR HIGH



JUNIOR HIGH





PLANNING THE HOME GARDEN



"MM . . . IT DID COME OUT!!"

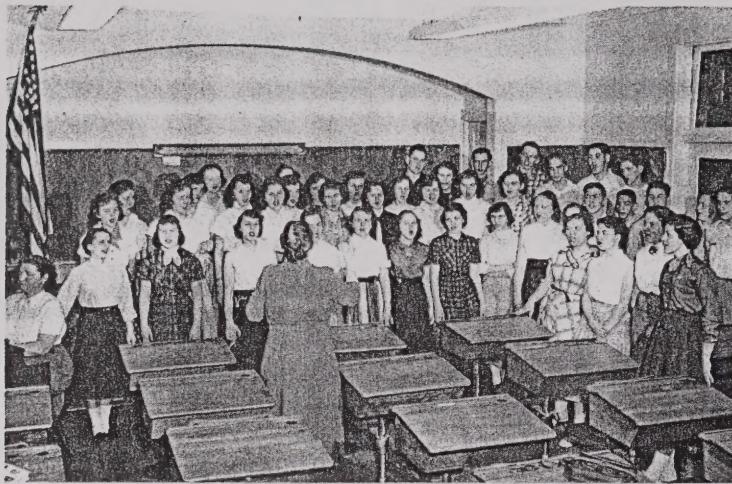


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## It's Music, Music, Music



### ORCHESTRA and GLEE CLUB

The Charlton High School Orchestra presently consists of twelve members who are under the able direction of Miss Florence Putnam, Music Supervisor. There are three violins, four accordians, one guitar, one xylophone, one set of bells, and one piano. They have participated in school assemblies, at the Dramatic Club Play, and Music Night. The group is now preparing for Graduation. Although selections range from folk tunes to classical, the orchestra has reached average achievement because the range of choice is not wide.

The Glee Club meets every Tuesday during the seventh period, also under the direction of Miss Florence Putnam. Mrs. Healy is our accomplished accompanist. Having missed several rehearsals, the group nevertheless presented a satisfactory performance at the annual Music Night. Members are now working diligently in order to better represent themselves at Graduation.

CONSTANCE LAVIGNE





## SENIORS



"Lunatics . . ."

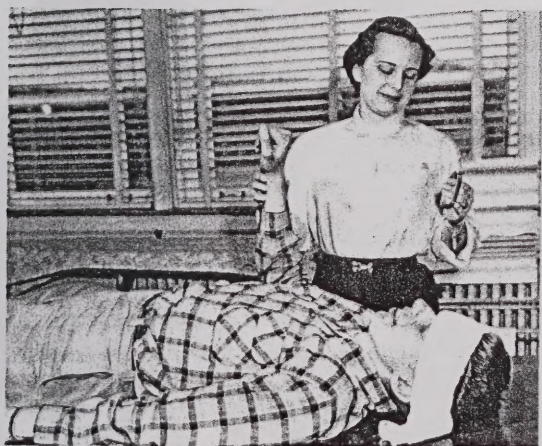
## DRAMA FESTIVAL



"Lucifer . . ."

Artists . . . "At Large"

## RED CROSS CHAPTER



What ticks?

## GENERAL CULTURE GROUP



In quest of a thought . . .?





"Our morale builders"

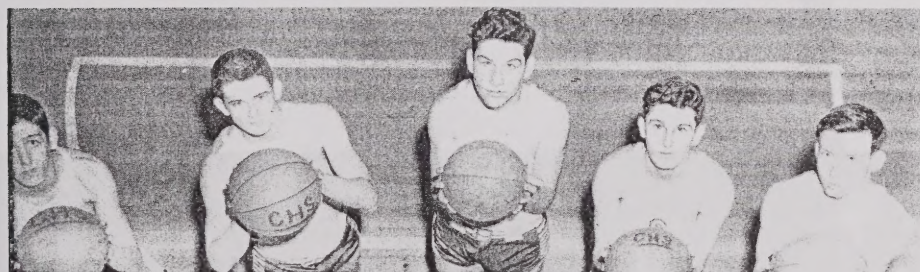
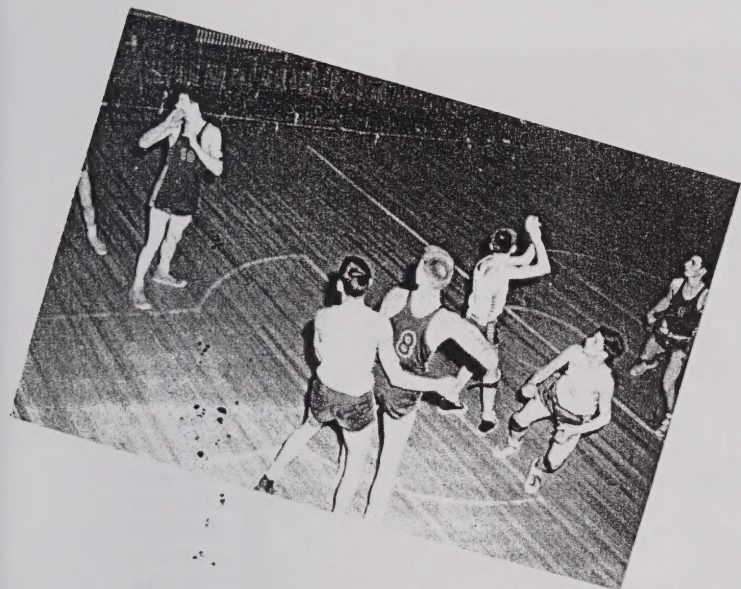


## Athletic Club



"This is a softball!"





"One in the hand is better than two in the bush."

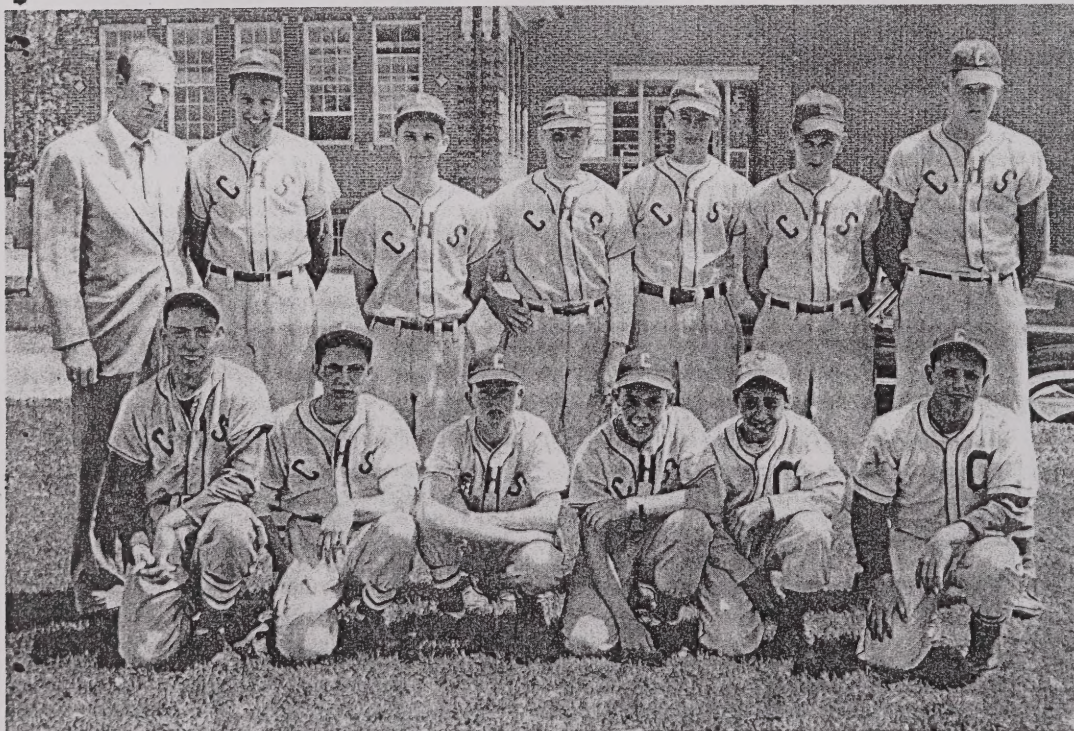




**It's Spring Again !**



**Girls' Softball**



**Boys' Baseball**



## ART

Under the supervision of Miss Enid Holmberg, the students of Charlton worked diligently and enthusiastically to contribute to the Art Exhibit which was held May 13. The art classes tried their hand at finger painting, water-color, charcoal sketches, and designing Christmas wrapping and wall paper. The students also made snowflakes and three dimensional cut-out pictures. One highlight of the year was the making of block-printed, painted, or stenciled Christmas cards, to be used personally by the students.

MAUREEN COLBY



"What's Toulouse-Lautrec got we haven't?"



Stupendous!

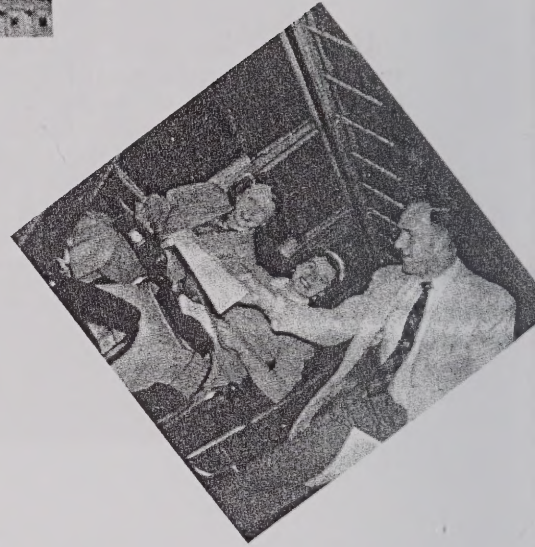
Unforgettable!

Marvelous!

Colossal!



## OUR WASHINGTON TRIP





Itinerary Charlton High School Senior Class Trip  
18 Feb. 1955-22 Feb. 1955

Friday February 18

- A.M. 5:45 Leave CHS by private cars for Springfield  
7:43 Leave Springfield on NH R.R. and carry box lunch  
10:25 Arrive in New York City at Grand Central Station-Check Baggage at B&O  
11:15 Take guided tour of United Nations Buildings  
P.M. 12:45 Leave UN Plaza by B&O Bus for Jersey City, Ride across Hudson River by ferry seeing Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, N.Y. Skyline  
1:55 Leave City for D.C. by B&O-go thru states of N.J., Penn., Del., and Md.  
6:05 Arrive Washington D.C. go to Continental Hotel, D and No. Capitol Sts.  
6:30 Clean up-Eat supper in Hotel Cafeteria  
7:45 Walk to Capitol & Congressional Library  
10:30 Every one in his room.

Saturday February 19

- A.M. 6:30 Everyone up-Clean up, Eat Breakfast  
7:45 Transfer by coach to Franciscan Monastery for 8:30  
9:30 Transfer by coach to White House for 10:00  
11:00 Transfer by coach to Supreme Court Bldg.  
P.M. Lunch at Methodist building or Senate office building  
1:00 Visit Folger Shakespeare Library, U.S. Capitol Building, ride on Senate subway, visit offices of our rep; and the Mass. Senators and sit in on a hearing or meeting if any in session.  
4:00 Allow 1 hour for shopping- After supper attend the theatre.  
11:30 Everyone in his room

Sunday February 20

- A.M. 6:30 Everyone Up-Clean up-Eat Breakfast, attend Church or your choice  
9:30 Board sight-seeing bus for all day tour-  
Go to Arlington National Cemetery for 10:00 A.M.  
Change of Guard at Tomb of Unknown soldier, visit Amphitheatre-Marine Monument-Lee Mansion  
11:30 Eat lunch at Penn. Daw Restaurant in Alexandria  
P.M. 12:15 Go to Mt. Vernon seeing Christ Church & Masonic Memorial enroute  
2:00 Leave Mt. Vernon for Washington Zoo  
4:45 Leave Zoo for hotel-visiting Washington National Cathedral and viewing scene of the embassies enroute  
6:00 Eat supper at hotel & divide up with chaperones into groups for evening  
11:30 Everyone in his room

Monday February 21

- A.M. 6:30 Everyone up-clean up-eat breakfast  
7:45 Leave by taxi from hotel for Bureau of Printing & Engraving  
Walk to Washington Monument-Visit Smithsonian Institute  
11:30 Eat early lunch in Mellon Art Gallery-Visit Museum of Natural History visit archives building, return to hotel  
5:30 Eat supper at hotel  
7:30 Evening bus trip to Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Pentagon, Washington National Airport, Stop at Hat Shoppe on way home  
11:30 Everyone in his room

Tuesday February 22

- A.M. 6:15 Everyone up-clean up-pack & Eat Breakfast  
7:15 Check out of hotel & either walk or taxi to Union Station  
8:00 Leave by B&O for N.Y. City  
P.M. 1:00 Arrive at Grand Central Sta., check baggage at B&O, eat at automat  
2:00 take NBC tour (including roof if weather and time permits).  
3:00 See Radio City Music Hall show, ect, go to Grand Central Sta.  
8:00 Leave N.Y. and arrive at Springfield at 11:25  
11:35 Leave Springfield by school bus for C.H.S.

Wed. A.M. 1:00 arrive C.H.S.



## DO'S AND DON'S FOR WASHINGTON TRIP

1. Don't miss the train--it's a long walk.
2. Do keep together with the group at all times--Don't lag you won't hear explanations.
3. Do leave the key to your hotel room at the desk each time so that others can get in the room while you're out.--Don't leave room unlocked at any time.
4. Do get up when you are called in the morning.
5. Do be on time each day; many of the events must be on schedule. (It is most important that you be on time.)
6. Do obey all traffic signals; if the light changes when only half the group is across, wait for the next light, we'll wait for you.
7. Don't throw anything out of hotel rooms.
8. Do eat meals regularly--don't fill up on hot dogs, etc.
9. Do get a goodnight's sleep.--Don't stay up to all hours even in your own room gabbing or playing cards, etc.
10. Don't do anything that will in anyway jeopardize the chance of future classes making a similar trip--remember that the cooperation of the Charlton townspeople has made it possible for you to go this year. We want to be a credit to the town.
11. Do let the chaperones know if there is any way they can be of help to you--if your're sick, don't hesitate to let them know about it, immediately.
12. Do hail a taxi if you get lost and instruct them as to where you want to go--hotel or where the gang is going.
13. Do tip taxi drivers at least 15¢ per trip. Do your own tipping in restaurants.
14. Do eat in places where liquor is not sold. (Don't order a 6 course meal and make others wait for you.
15. Don't pick flowers, leaves, or anything of the like at any time or place, especially in Washington--it's against a the law.
16. Do have patience--if guides or lecturers seem to be taking more time than you think they should; you will very likely have only this one opportunity to make such a trip--try to get the most out of it.
17. Don't visit rooms of students of the opposite sex at any time or under any conditions--if you wish to entertain, do so in the lounge of the lobby.
18. Do make as good an impression on others as possible--don't do as you might see students from other schools do--some do not know right from wrong.
19. Do send at least 10 postcards to people in your area of town--outside your family--who have helped make this trip possible.
20. Do have a good time. The above do's and don'ts are given as guides to help on and all make the trip far more enjoyable and successful. The chaperones are very much interested in seeing that you have a trip that will be remembered for years to come. Let us know if things go wrong.





from a friend of Target Library



Mrs. & Mrs. William Ball



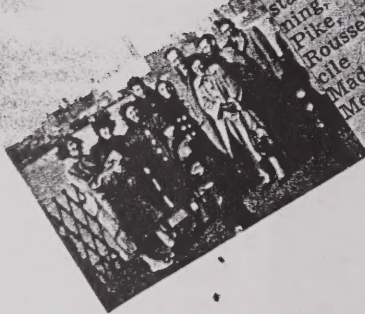
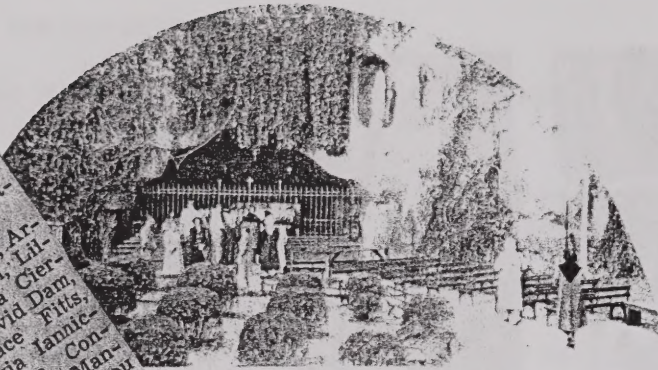


# 1935 Charlton Seniors Going on Trip

CHARLTON, Feb. 17 — The senior class of the High School will leave Friday night for Washington, D. C., on the annual trip.

The group will travel by train from Springfield, and will stop in New York City to visit United Nations and Radio City. Going are Janice Bartley, Arlene Brown, Fae Carleton, Lilian Carrington, Barbara Clapp, Marreen Colby, David Dam, Dorothy Epley, Grace Fitts, Janet Germain, Sylvia Iannicelli, Wilbur Johnson, Constance Lavigne, Kenneth Manning, Elizabeth Picke, Mary Lou Pike, Paul Riopel, Patricia Russell, Beverly Sargent, Lucille Schwarz, Nancy Shea, Madelyn Soucy, Esther Stevens, Meredith West.

Chaperones will be Mrs. Emma Hammond, Mrs. Mabel Fiske, Mr. and Mrs. William Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gribouski.





## Old Home Day Schedule of Events 2005

|                    |                                                            |                               |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7:30 am - 10:00 am | Soap Box Races                                             | Muggett Hill Road             |
| 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  | Craft Fair                                                 | Grange Hall                   |
| 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  | Cultural Council Art & Photo Exhibit                       | Town Administration Building  |
| 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  | Garden Club Flower Show                                    | Federated Church              |
| 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  | Food, Beverage, Activity & Information Booths              | Common                        |
| 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  | Book Sale - Friends of the Library                         | Library                       |
| 10:00 am           | Charlton 5 mile Road Race                                  | Begins/Ends at Common Area    |
| 10:30 am           | Entertainment - Hot Pursuit (formerly Tina & the Bad Boys) | Common Area                   |
| 10:30 am - Noon    | Charlton Alumni Reunion                                    | Elementary School             |
| 11:30 am           | Youth Races & Games (ages 2 to 12); Football Pass Contest  | Ballfield                     |
| Noon (12:00 pm)    | Entertainment - Worcester Men of Song                      | Common Area                   |
| 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm  | Bed Races sponsored by Lions Club                          | Main Street                   |
| 2:00 pm            | Awards Ceremony                                            | Library                       |
| 2:30 pm            | Entertainment - Sgt. Dan                                   | Common Area                   |
| 3:00 pm            | Decorated Bikes, Wagons & Doll Carriages                   | Charlton Market/Our Place     |
| 3:30               | Old Home Day Parade                                        | Masonic Home Road/Main Street |

\* Note: All times are approximate

## A Celebration of Historic Proportions

By Cindy Cooper

Be sure to view the displays of Charlton's past in the Grange Hall during Old Home Day on Monday, September 5, 2005, presented by the Charlton Historical Society as part of the town's 250th anniversary celebration. The focus is on events from 50 and 100 years ago. Fifty years ago, Charlton was poised to celebrate the town's 200th anniversary. Major events were planned for early October. Then, the devastating flood of 1955 struck the area.

Glen Echo Lake gushed into Charlton City with such tremendous force that huge houses moved off their foundations and business structures were reduced to rubble. This pictorial account of the tragic event says so much more than words can describe. Also look for the memorabilia from the anniversary event that was canceled as a result of the flood. In addition, the tradition of displaying the photograph of the Charlton High School graduating class celebrating their 50-year reunion will continue. During the one hundred years since Dexter Memorial Hall was dedicated, the building that now houses the library has served a variety of functions. It has been the center of local government offices, location for town meetings, used for schoolrooms, and provided the high school with a basketball court in the upper meeting hall. The display highlighting this building shows both interior and exterior pictures of this building over the years. The way the outside of the building looks has remained constant, but the vehicles and landscape have certainly changed!

## 109th Old Home Day

It is time to "CELEBRATE CHARLTON!" At last Old Home Day weekend is on the horizon and plans are falling into place for 250th Anniversary Festivities!

With the support of Masonic Health Systems and others, the Committee has sponsored a number of concerts, including a special patriotic concert with Sgt. Dan Clark scheduled to perform on Old Home Day. The Historical Society has held a number of very informative slide shows focusing on various aspects of Charlton's history.

Additionally the Committee will release on Old Home Day weekend a locally created one-hour movie to "Celebrate Charlton," consisting of a series of interviews and images relating to Charlton's past, produced with the help of Shepherd Hill student Tyler Sanborn, Emerson film major Sean Fisher and Magpie Sound Design owner Julian Russell.

Please look for our booth at Bay Path during the Concert and Fireworks Sunday, September 4th and on the Common on Old Home Day, September 5th where we will have T-Shirts, commemorative artwork, decals and DVDs for purchase. The Committee will also host a raffle, with all proceeds to be used towards care packages for our active service men and women (Mrs. Tucker, principal of Charlton Middle School is collecting names and addresses of our Charlton Service people).





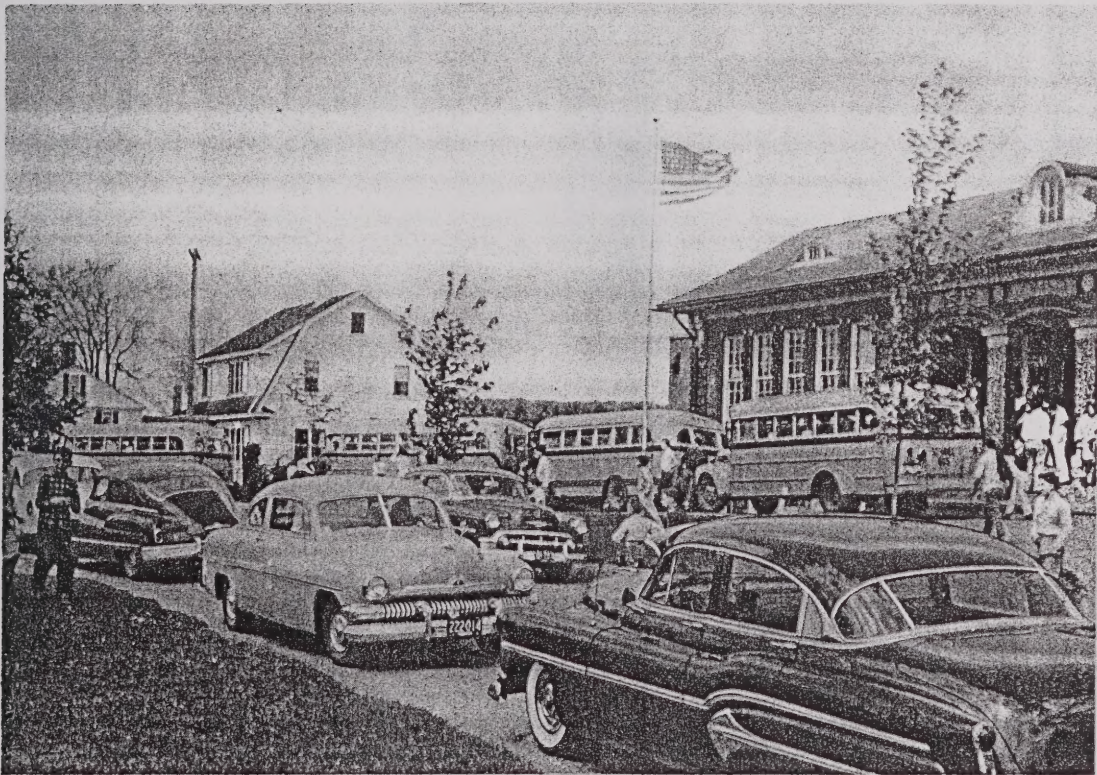


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### STAFF SUPERVISORS

Mr. Paul P. Chassé  
Mrs. Margaret Healy  
Mr. David Boudreau



"Parting is such sweet sorrow . . ."



The Charlton Seniors

present

Janey's One-Track Mind

a 3 act comedy

in

Dexter Hall

October 28-29, 1954

at 8:15 P.M.

Cast of Characters

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Janey Browne-----          | Beverly Sargent   |
| Muriel Browne-----         | Mary Lou Pike     |
| George Browne-----         | Wilbur Johnson    |
| Bummy Post-----            | Janet Germain     |
| Mrs. Post-----             | Barbara Cierpich  |
| Alice Harvey-----          | Maureen Colby     |
| Stuart Hunter-----         | David Dam         |
| Roger Wilson-----          | William Cameron   |
| Annebelle Wilson-----      | Arlene Brown      |
| Martin Richardson-----     | William Benoit    |
| Camila Gibson-----         | Constance Lavigne |
| Tommy Meyers-----          | Paul Riopel       |
| Luella Smith-----          | Dorothy Eppley    |
| Myra Edwards-----          | Grace Fitts       |
| Kate Donovan-----          | Lucille Schwartz  |
| Honey Bates-----           | Nancy Shea        |
| State Trooper Harrity----- | Kenneth Manning   |

Members of Janey's Glamour Class

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Priscilla Brown-----  | Esther Stevens     |
| Dorothy Jones-----    | Fay Carleton       |
| Helen Long-----       | Patricia Roussel   |
| Barbara Mitchell----- | Janice Bartley     |
| Peggy Woods-----      | Madeline Soucy     |
| Ruth Platts-----      | Sylvia Ianniccheri |
| Edith Howe-----       | Lillian Carrington |

Synopsis of Scenes

Act I - Living room of the Browne's home, on Saturday evening.  
Act II-  
    Scene I The same. A Saturday afternoon. Three weeks later.  
    Scene II The same. Several weeks later.  
Act III The same. A few hours later.

Coach: Mrs. Mabel B. Fiske

Business: Mrs. Emma G. Hammond

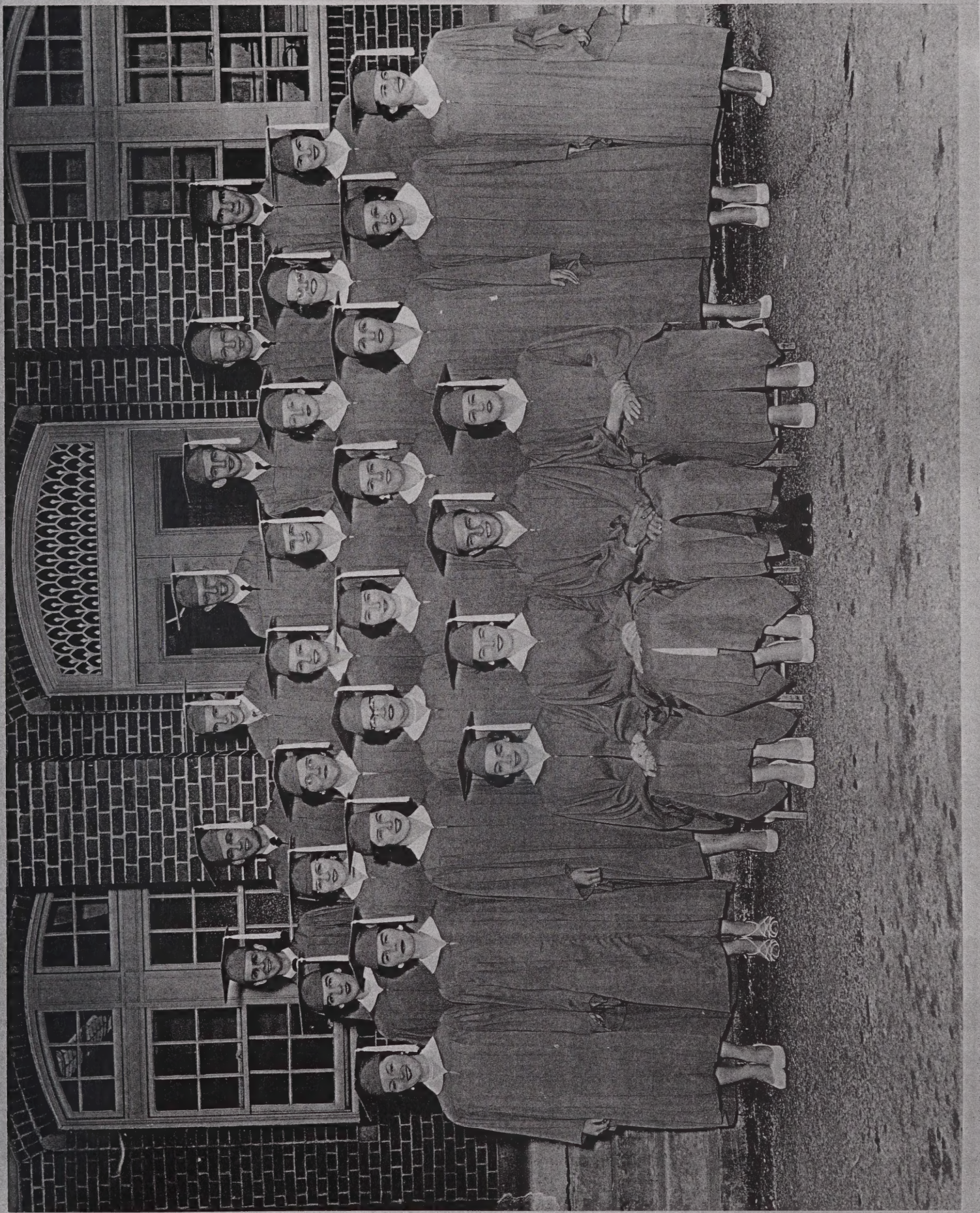
Tickets: Patricia Roussel, Fay Carleton, Meredith West, and  
          Elizabeth Piche

Curtain: James O'Leary and Leo Sullivan

Music: Joseph Caprera and Constance Lavigne

Play produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Co.  
of New York.









BEVERLY A. SARGENT



CONSTANCE J. LAVIGNE



WILBUR A. JOHNSON

## Staff for Yearbook Named at Charlton

CHARLTON, Dec. 28 — Miss Mary Lou Pike, Miss Gloria Lamoureux and David Dam have been appointed business managers of the "Highlights," the High School year book. Assistant managers are William Benoit, Janet Germain, Bradford Sargent and Grace Fitts.

Other officers are: Editors-in-chief Constance Lavigne, Beverly Sargent; assistant editors, Barbara Cierpich, Wilbur Johnson, Nancy Davis, Ernest Thibault, Judith Baylies, Gwendolyn Sprott; alumni editors, Wilbur Johnson, Barbara Cierpich; assistant alumni editors, Dorothy Eppley, Patricia Roussel, Betty Piche, Lucille Shwartz; sports editors, Paul Riopel, Sylvia Ianniccheri; assistant sports editors, Nancy Shea, Judith Tucker, Robert Sleeper, Roland Fawthrop; art editors, Maureen Colby, Fay Carleton; assistant art editors, Francis Young, Joan Soucy, Anne Marie Walker; exchange editors, Arlene Brown, Janet Germain; assistant exchange editors, Nancy Davis, Ernest Thibault, Janice Bartley, Esther Stevens; joke editors, Mary Lou Pike, Dorothy Eppley; assistant joke editors, William Cameron, Kenneth Manning, Madeline Soucy, Lillian Carrington, Meredith West; faculty advisers, Mr. Chase and Mrs. Healy; consultants, Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Fiske.

Also, reporters, Loretta Caplette, Betty Boudreau, Ann Tavernier, Nancy Davis, Lorraine Robidoux, Lillian Baron, Eleanor Casey and Janet Germaine.

High School clubs: Athletic, Tony Gillispie; Glee, Arlene Brown; Journalism, Rita Mondor; Good Writers, Gloria Blauvelt; Dramatic, Janet Germain; Red Cross, Beverly Sargent; F. F. A., Robert Tower; Photography, Elaine Benoit; Home Economics, Lila Bond; Orchestra, Barbara Cierpich; Student Council, Fay Carleton.



BARBARA A. CIERPICH

## Charlton Graduation Of 28 Seniors Tonight

CHARLTON, June 9 — Rev. Dr. James Gordon McGilkey of Springfield will speak at the graduation exercises of the High School at 8 tonight in the Dexter Memorial Hall. Twenty-eight seniors will receive diplomas.

"Good Schools Are Your Responsibility," is the theme of the address and essays.

The program is as follows:

Processional, "Color Guard," school orchestra; invocation, Rev. Leslie R. Wadsworth; "A Graduation Prayer," High School Glee Club; "Where in the World," High School Glee Club; essay, "Effective Citizenship," Beverly Sargent; "Teachers for Tomorrow," Wilbur Johnson; "Ideals to Live By," Constance Lavigne; "Investing in Good Schools," Barbara Cier-

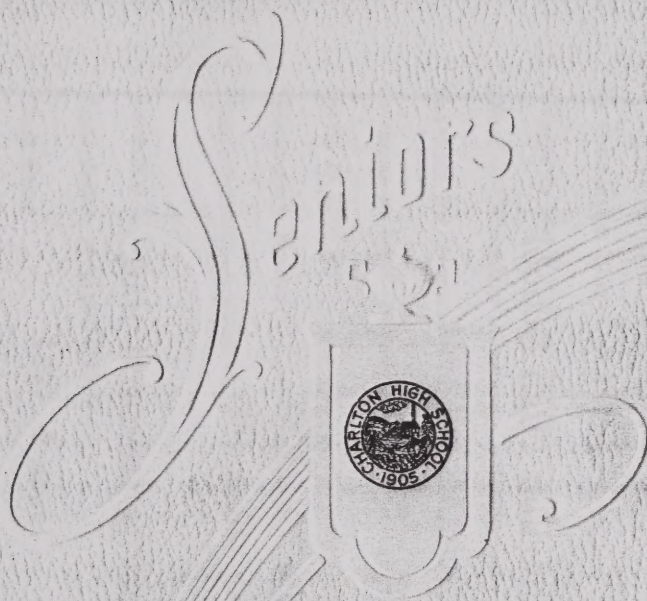
pich; "Democracy Forever," High School Glee Club.

Awarding of prizes will be made by Robert S. Ewing, principal; presentation of diplomas, Mrs. J. Richard Reid; class song; presentation of class gift; benediction, Rev. James McCarron and recessional march.

Graduating will be Janice C. Bartley, William J. Benoit, Arlene E. Brown, William R. Cameron, Fay K. Carleton, Lillian L. Carrington, Barbara A. Cierpich, Maureen A. Colby, David N. Dam, Dorothy E. Eppley, Grace E. Fitts, Janet A. Germain, Sylvia P. Ianniccheri, Wilbur A. Johnson, Constance J. Lavigne, Kenneth D. Manning, James O'Leary, Elizabeth A. Piche, Mary L. Pike, Patricia E. Roussel, Paul R. Riopel, Beverly A. Sargent, Lucille A. Schwartz, Nancy M. Shea, Madeline M. Soucy, Esther M. Stevens, Leo A. Sullivan, Meredith West.

The Senior Class reception will take place in the Dexter Hall auditorium Friday night.





FRIDAY EVENING

JUNE 10, 1955

**Charlton High School  
Reception and Graduation Dance**

Reception from 8:00 to 8:30

DEXTER MEMORIAL HALL

CHARLTON, MASS.

Admit One

*The Senior Class  
of  
Charlton High School  
announces its  
Commencement Exercises  
Thursday evening, June ninth  
Nineteen hundred and fifty-five  
eight o'clock  
Dexter Memorial Hall*



#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. J. Richard Reid, *Chairman*  
Mrs. Herbert Putnam  
Mr. Clifford Pontbriand

#### SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Joseph R. Burgess

#### FACULTY

Mr. William Ball  
Mrs. Howard Bancroft  
Mr. David Boudreau  
Mr. Paul Chasse  
Mr. Robert Ewing  
Mrs. Rodney Fiske  
Mr. Joseph Gribouski  
Mrs. Gilbert Hammond  
Mrs. William Healy  
Mr. Joseph Loignon  
Mrs. Sarah Madaus  
Mr. Paul Mitchell  
Mr. Michael Pizziferri  
Mrs. Clarence Stevens

#### SPECIAL TEACHERS

Miss Florence Putnam, *Music*  
Miss Enid Holmberg, *Art*

Forty-Seventh

## GRADUATION EXERCISES

of

Charlton High School

CLASS OF 1955



DEXTER MEMORIAL HALL

June 9, 1955

8 P. M.



## PROGRAM

### GOOD SCHOOLS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

|                                                        |                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| March, "Color Guard" — <i>Felton</i> .....             | High School Orchestra        |
| Invocation .....                                       | Rev. Leslie R. Wadsworth     |
| "A Graduation Prayer" — <i>Yahres</i> .....            | High School Glee Club        |
| "Where in the World" — <i>Waring</i> .....             | High School Glee Club        |
| Effective Citizenship .....                            | Beverly Sargent              |
| Teachers for Tomorrow .....                            | Wilbur Johnson               |
| Investing in Good Schools .....                        | Barbara Cierpich             |
| Ideals to Live By .....                                | Constance Lavigne            |
| "Democracy Forever" — <i>Mason Gaines</i> ...          | High School Glee Club        |
| Commencement Address — "Strengthening Your Will Power" | Rev. Dr. James Gordon Gilkey |
| Awarding of Prizes .....                               | Principal Robert S. Ewing    |
| Presentation of Class Gift                             |                              |
| Class Song                                             |                              |
| Presentation of Diplomas .....                         | Mrs. J. Richard Reid         |
| Benediction .....                                      | Rev. James M. McCarron       |
| Recessional                                            |                              |

### CLASS ROLL

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Janice Claire Bartley       | Constance Joan Lavigne  |
| William James Benoit        | Kenneth D. Manning      |
| Arlene Ethel Brown          | James O'Leary           |
| William R. Cameron          | Elizabeth Anne Piche    |
| Fay Katherine Carleton      | Mary Louise Pike        |
| Lillian Lucille Carrington  | Paul Roland Riopel      |
| Barbara Ann Cierpich        | Patricia Elaine Roussel |
| Maureen Ann Colby           | Beverly Ann Sargent     |
| David Nelson Dam            | Lucille Ann Schwartz    |
| Dorothy Ellen Eppley        | Nancy Marie Shea        |
| Grace Ella Fitts            | Madeline Martha Soucy   |
| Janet Ann Germain           | Esther May Stevens      |
| Sylvia Patricia Ianniccheri | Leo A. Sullivan         |
| Wilbur Alvin Johnson        | Meredith West           |

### HONOR ROLL — SENIOR YEAR

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Maureen Colby  | Wilbur Johnson   |
| David Dam      | Patricia Roussel |
| Dorothy Eppley | Nancy Shea       |

### HONOR ROLL FOR FOUR YEARS

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Fay Carleton     | Grace Fitts       |
| Barbara Cierpich | Constance Lavigne |
|                  | Beverly Sargent   |

### CLASS OFFICERS

|                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|
| Paul Roland Riopel, <i>President</i>    |
| Mary Louise Pike, <i>Vice President</i> |
| Janet Ann Germain, <i>Secretary</i>     |
| Elizabeth Anne Piche, <i>Treasurer</i>  |

CLASS MOTTO — *Today We Follow, Tomorrow We Lead*

CLASS COLORS — *Yellow, Black, and White*

CLASS FLOWER — *Yellow Roses*



CHARLTON HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1955

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Esther May Stevens  
Leo A. Sullivan  
Meredith West

More things are  
wrought by Prayer  
than this World dreams of.  
Wherefore let thy Voice  
rise like a Fountain...  
Night and Day.

TENNYSON





CHARLTON HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE  
Dexter Hall-June 5, 1955-7:30 p. m.

PRELUDE  
ORDER OF SERVICE

\*ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

\*OPENING HYMN, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION-Rev. James M. McCarron

\*The Lord's Prayer and Gloria Patri-Rev. James M. McCarron

Old Testament Lesson I Kings 3:5-15-Rev. William F. Nims

Anthem-Charlton Methodist Church Choir

New Testament Lesson-Rev. William F. Nims

Call to Prayer by the choir

Service of Prayer - Rev. William F. Nims

Choral Response

Anthem-Charlton Methodist Church Choir

The Baccalaureate Message - Rev. William F. Nims

\*Closing Hymn of Dedication, "Now in the Days of Youth"

\*Benediction-Rev. James M. McCarron

\*Response

\*Academic Recessional

\*Postlude

\*Denotes Congregation standing

Music

Miss Florence Putnam

Methodist Church Choir

Mrs. Florent Wright, accompanist

Mr. Raymond Harsha, director

God of Grace and God of Glory

1

God of Grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient Church's story;  
Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour.

4

Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives, that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces  
In the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
That we fail not man nor Thee!

Now in the Days of Youth

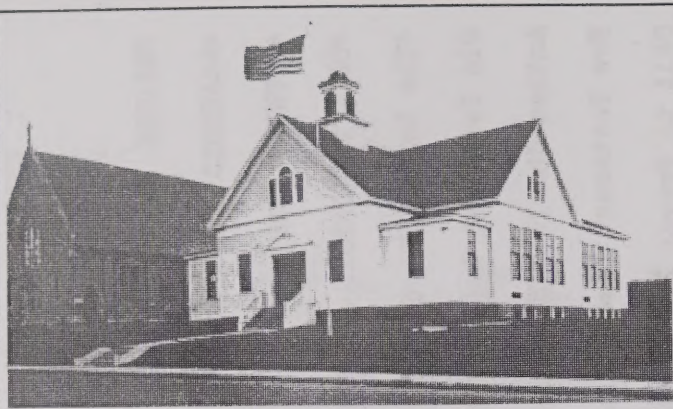
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Now in the days of youth,  
When life flows fresh and free,  
Thou Lord of all our hearts and lives,  
We give ourselves to Thee;  
Our fervent gift receive,  
And fit us to fulfill,  
Thro' all our days, in our ways,  
Our Heav'n-ly Fa-ther's will.

2

Teach us wher-e'er we live,  
To act as in Thy sight,  
And do what Thou wouldst have us do  
With re-d-ant de-light;  
Not choosing what is great,  
Nor spurning what is small,  
But take as from Thy hands our tasks,  
And glorify them all.





This 1932 photo shows the new St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and the expanded City Grade School building.

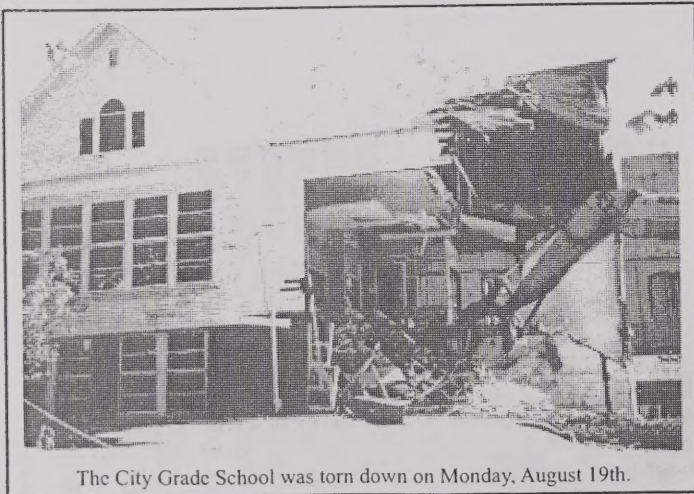
## City Grade School Demolished

On Monday, August 19, 2002, the demolition of City Grade School began to make way for the construction of a fast food restaurant and a gas station. Along with the adjacent St. Joseph's Church, the area was to be leveled and demolition debris cleaned up by the end of the week.

Built at the turn of the century, the use of the facility by the school district was discontinued in 1989 and the property was turned over to the town. Town officials eventually sold the building to St. Joseph's Parish for use as a Parish hall. St. Joseph's built a new church behind Trolley Crossing to accommodate the growing number of Parishioners and to increase the parking area without the problems of heavy traffic at the Rt. 20 site.

### History of the Schoolhouse: School Proposed

Article 24 in the Annual Town Warrant of 1898 was, "To see if the town will vote to build a new schoolhouse at Chariton



The City Grade School was torn down on Monday, August 19th.

City." The old District #13 schoolhouse was located at Rt. 20 and Stafford Street. The following year the new City Grade School, designed by Everett E. Pike, was built on School Street (now Worcester Road, Route 20), opposite Maple Street, from the architectural design of Cutting, Carleton and Cutting of Worcester. Indeed, the growing town needed to invest in the education of their youth to keep up with progress.

By 1902, the Charlton City area was bustling with activity. Phone lines were being brought in to a local store. The Southbridge Street Railway Company finished their new trolley line on July 21, 1902. A large brick trolley barn for storing and repairing the cars was built in Charlton City on a site behind where St. Joseph's Church was located. Next to the trolley barn in Charlton City there was a platform for milk deliveries. Every day Charlton farmers brought their milk in tall metal jugs to be picked up at the platform by the milk car on its way to Worcester.

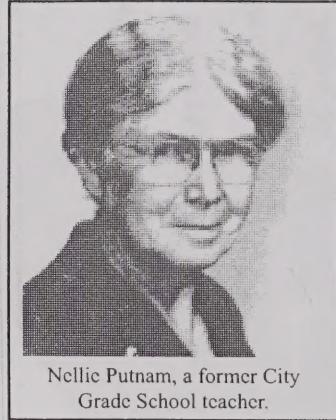
The Worcester and Southbridge Railway Company, which owned the trolley line, had an ambitious treasurer, Wilford A. Bailey. In an effort to promote the trolley and diversify the business, "Bailey's Dream" was built: the lavish Overlook Hotel, now the Masonic Home. Costing \$200,000, the Hotel opened in July of 1903 with room for 100 guests, stables, a golf course, servants' quarters and several hundred acres of land-

scaped property. A luxurious trolley car, the Huguenot provided service directly from the Overlook Hotel to Worcester.

### Additions Built

In 1919 an additional room was added because schoolhouses at Districts No. 9 and 10 had closed and the students were transferred to the City School. In 1923 a fire destroyed the adjacent St Joseph's Church building, and

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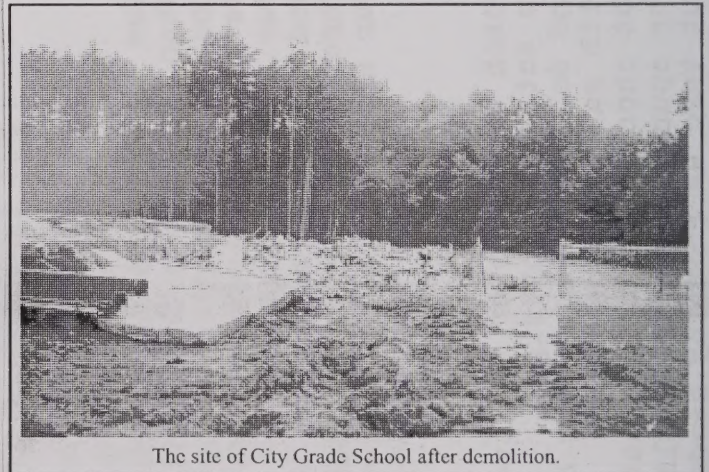


Nellie Putnam, a former City Grade School teacher.

### Schoolhouse Demolished, from page 1

damaged the City School. During renovations after the fire, two additional rooms were built. In 1934 the Depot School (District No. 12) closed, and its pupils transferred here. Total school enrollment was now at 186 students, under the care of Ruby Evans, later Mrs. Parley Smith, as teacher and principal. It was the first school in town to have pupils advance by grade level, earning it the name 'City Grade School'.

As many as six grade levels were taught in City Grade School. The number of grades was reduced over the years, until only third grade classes were held in the school's seven rooms when it closed in 1989. The last principal, Joseph J. Tripp, assisted in the transfer of students to the new Heritage School on Oxford Road.



The site of City Grade School after demolition.

By today's standards the investment in education at this time may appear shocking, as many community members resisted the use of taxes for the construction of schools. The following report is from the School Committee for the year ending March, 1901. The school was built at a time of need



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26. Esther Stevens—Mrs. Alfred Davis—deceased 21 ME. 1994 Holland, MA
27. Leo Sullivan—married Anita Ianniccheri—deceased FL.
28. Merideth West—Mrs. Shonbeck, Union Rt. Rd., Webster, MA 01570 (508) 949-2218



*Miss Janice Claire Bartley*



## JANICE BARTLEY

*"Jan"*

Jan, is one of our best class jokers and always willing to give a helping hand whenever needed. She was a hard worker for our Senior activities. She participated in Voice Class 1; Pre-Drivers' 3; Photography 1; Basketball 1.

*We wish you the best of luck,  
"Jan"*

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Miss Janice Claire Bartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartley, 266 Mechanic St., and Francis Dronzek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dronzek of Warren, were married at 8 o'clock this morning in Sacred Heart Church.

The ceremony was performed with a single-ring service by the Rev. Ovilla Gevry. Mrs. Philip Renaud, organist, played the wedding music.

Mrs. Arlene Hilton of Charlton was matron of honor, and Joseph Tortis served as best man.

The bride wore a gray Summer suit with white accessories and a gardenia corsage, and the matron of honor also wore a suit with a corsage of pink roses.

The bridegroom is in the Air Force, stationed in Lincoln, Neb. The bride will live with her parents temporarily.

### *Marriage Intentions*

Intentions have also been filed by Stephanix Dronzek, U.S. Air Force, of 40 Quaboag St., West Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephanix Dronzek, and Janice Claire Bartley, loopier, of 206 Mechanic St., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bartley.

### *This is Your Life*

Janice is married to Francis Dronzek and presently living in AZ. They formerly resided in West Warren before moving to AZ. They enjoy touring around the country in their RV.

They have three children; Denise Jordan of West Warren, Stephen of Palmer, and Stanley of North Hampton, MA.





## ARLENE BROWN

*"Kitty"*

One of the popular members of our class. Kitty's outstanding acting ability has been highly praised because of the various parts she has portrayed. Her good sense of humor has gained her many friends. She has participated in Dramatic Club 4; Glee Club 3; Voice Class 4; Paper Staff 3; Orchestra 1; and Cheerleader 1.

*Good Luck,  
"Kitty"*



## *This is Your Life*

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I have 6 children, 4 boys and 2 girls. Lost my 4th boy, Ross, from a car accident.  
3 grandkids, 2 girls and 1 boy.

No hobbies, but love my job tending bar and meeting so many different people.  
May write a book. We go to the Cape and Islands every chance we get. Also love Foxwoods.

Funny Things I Remember: When Mabel Fiske rubbed her "boobs" up against the boys.







*This is Your Life*    *Miss Fay Katherine Carleton*

Fay Carleton Blais

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**Marriage:** Robert Blais on September 24th, 1955 at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton. He died May 13th, 1997 after 43 wonderful years together.

**Family:** Three Children, Steve, Donna and Mark  
Seven Grandchildren and one step grand-daughter (5 boys and 2 girls)  
Three great grandchildren (2 boys and 1 girl)

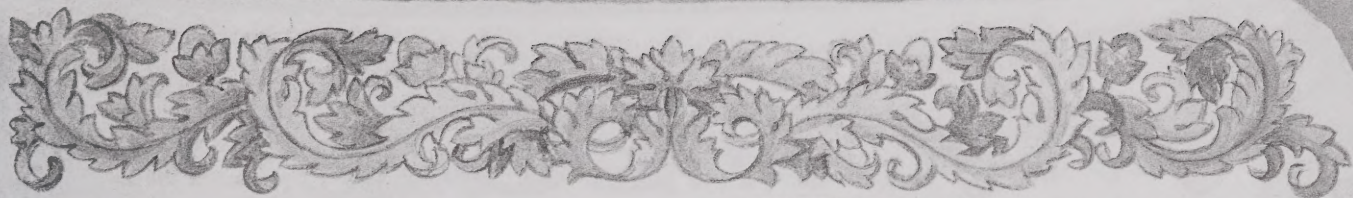
**Occupation:** After having all three children I decided to go back to college and get my degree. In 1966 I entered Worcester State College and majored in elementary education, graduating in 1970. I was taught at Burgess Elementary School for the next 22 years as a Kindergarten Teacher. During those years I furthered my education and received my M.Ed in Early Childhood Education at Worcester State College and then went on to receive my Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Special Needs at American International College in Springfield. I retired in 1992 to take care of my husband who had diabetes and a kidney transplant. As a result of his diabetes he lost his sight and was completely disabled.

We had a wonderful life together and enjoyed traveling, genealogy, and family. We traveled to 48 of the 50 states while Bob was alive and I have managed to get to the other two since as well as Paris. We made many trips to Canada to search out all of the Blais relatives and I have worked extensively on both branches of our family. I published a Blais Genealogy and am working on one for my maternal family at present. Life has been very good and I am enjoying all of my grandchildren. The boys are all in sports, hockey and baseball. I have enjoyed traveling with them to tournaments in both the US and Canada. I have enough memories to last a lifetime.

**Memories of Charlton High:** So many! Probably Mrs. Fiske. "As the twig is bent, so shall it grow" from the book we had to read with all the lessons of life that we were not yet fully ready to comprehend, "The Bent Twig".

- Amusing:**
1. The assembly we had with the Hypnotist and those of us who went up front and had to pretend we were hypnotized.
  2. Mr. Ball's algebra class when the boys would get him talking about basketball and the passing grade on tests would be a 60 because he had to scale the grades to match the amount of instruction we actually got.
  3. The day the cafeteria served chicken chow mein and their were crickets in the food. Yuk! Haven't had chicken chow mein since.
  4. Mrs. Madous' law that all the girls had to "volunteer" for cafeteria duty because if you didn't you would not get your "A" in Citizenship on your report card.





## FAY CARLETON

*"Fay"*

Who is quiet, lady-like, and industrious has gained highest honors for 2 years and regular honors 2 years. She has been in Good Writers' 1; Pre-Drivers' 1; Dramatic Club 1; Photography Club 1; Secretary of Student Council 1; Art 3; Voice Class 3; and Glee Club 3. Because of her personality and nice smile we're sure that Fay will succeed in whatever she chooses.

*Good Luck,  
"Fay"*



The Family of Fay (Carleton) and Robert Raymond Blais



Stephen Blais | Amy and Tyler



Jen, Blais

The Family of Donna Richard Magnant



Michael & Andy



John and Eric Blais

The Family of Mark Raymond and Donna Marie (DiPaolo) Blais





*Miss Lillian Lucille Carrington*

*This is Your Life*

Lillian Carrington (Vallier) Thibeault Tel: (508) 886-6687  
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I married Donald Vallier on April 7, 1956. He was deceased May 10, 1995.  
I then married William (Bill) Thibeault on November 23, 1996.

I have 1 daughter, Linda Ann, wife of Mark A. Saad, 3 Step Children,  
5 Step Grandchildren and 5 Step Great Grandchildren.

I worked at the Worcester County Courthouse, Registry of Deeds for many years  
and retired in December of 1999.

Don and I enjoyed Square Dancing until he became sick, then we took up raising  
rabbits, went to auctions, and fleamarkets. I also enjoy bowling, knitting and crocheting.  
Bill and I raise pedigree Californian Rabbits and travel all over the U.S. and Canada  
showing and we have a room full of trophies from our winnings. Bill is also a Rabbit  
Judge.

We have visited 34 US States, Canada, Mexico and cruised to many Islands, meeting  
many nice people throughout our travels. Being raised on a farm, I guess your love for  
animals always remains with you.

As for a special memory, due to my parents' sickness in the last few years of High School,  
I didn't think I would be able to afford my prom or class trip to Washington, D.C., when  
three special teachers came forward and financed the events. I will always remember  
them and be ever so grateful.







# LILLIAN CARRINGTON

"Lilly"

Lilly, with her pretty eyes and friendly smile is always willing to give a helping hand. Because of this she has won many friends. She participated in Pre-Drivers' 2; Good Writers' Club 1; Glee Club 1; Dramatic Club 1; and Voice Class 5.

*Best of luck in the future,  
"Lilly"*





*Miss Dorothy Ellen Eppley*

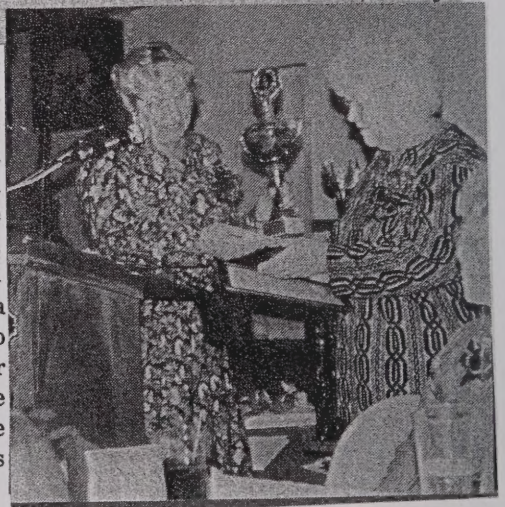
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## Woman of The Year Award Event



Women's Recognition Night award recipients: (l to r) Katie Brothers, Alice Miller, Judy Jolda'Deary, Wanda Dymon Sitkowski and Dorothy Ireland.

Alice Walker, 1993 Woman of the Year, gave the Millie Henshall Award to Dorothy Ireland as Volunteer for the Year. Ireland was introduced as a mother of 11 children who has served on the Ecumenical Council, Crop Walk, Food Pantry, The Oxford Council on Aging. She has served as a Home Health Aide and belongs to the Oxford Friends of Senior Citizens and worked as the Recording Clerk at the Development Office at Nichols College.







## DOROTHY EPPLEY

*"Dotty"*

Dotty, is so amiable that it is always fun to be with her. With this nice disposition we know she will be well-liked by everyone with whom she associates. Dotty has been in Voice Class 3; Glee Club 3; Dramatic Club 3; Good Writers' 1; Highest Honors 1; and Honors 3.

*Good Luck,  
"Dotty"*

### *This is Your Life*

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I married Donald Ireland shortly after graduation and we have eleven wonderful children: D. Stewart, Ruth Alice, Susan Elizabeth, Ann Marie, Russell Earl, Richard A., Wilfred Edmund, Nancy Louise, William Armand, Karen Ellen and Catherine Lynn. We also have 19 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

My life has been very busy with family and I have been a Cub Scout Leader, Camp Fire Leader and Committee Chairperson, Scout Committee, Lassie League Manager and Volunteer. I am very involved with the Oxford Senior Citizens and Council for the Aging. I also worked at Nichols College as the Recording Clerk.

Don and I have done some traveling and taken 2 cruises. My hobbies are puzzles, reading and collecting Unicorns and Horses.





*Miss Maureen Ann Colby*

*This is Your Life*

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I married Ronald E. Gaumond.

We have three children: 1. Rhonda Laviolette, husband of Bob.

Rhonda has a son Jon Carroll.

2. Daniel Gaumond who is married to Sharon.

3. Michael Ricci who is married to Kristie.

Michael has daughter, Jennie.

I enjoy my children, art stuff, more recently, playing with the computer.

Memories: Believe me, we were a great class of "chatter boxes"--pretty proud that no-one "didn't belong". "Ya may not have been the pageant winner but you and 'yer stupid friends' always were recognized as pretty good kids and just might know something".

Grange Dances on Friday Nights---Remember being knocked out cold on a "Swing the Mop" deal and years later running into my dance partner (the one who flipped me on my head); he didn't remember it at all--he just kept on dancing.







## MAUREEN COLBY

"Mo"



Who combines her talent in art with her wonderful sense of humor is one of the best-liked girls of our class. She played the part of the maid in our Senior Play and did a wonderful job. She has taken part in Photography 1; Dramatic Club 1; Pre-Drivers' 1; Art 3; Honors 1; Glee Club 3 and Voice Class 3.

*We wish you all the luck in the world,  
"Mo"*



*Me, Ron, Jennie,  
Mike, Kristie, Bob,  
Rhonda, Jon, Dan  
and Sharon. 2004*





*Miss Barbara Ann Cierpich*



**BARBARA CIERPICH**

*"Chirp"*

Chirp, has been one of our most active, industrious, and ambitious members. Because of her splendid record, she has been chosen as a graduation speaker. She did a swell job in our Senior Play. She has taken part in Dramatic Club 4; Voice Club 3; attended the music festival 1; Orchestra 3; Highest Honors 3 and Honors 1. "Chirp" plans to go into nurses' training and with her sense of humor and personality will keep all her patients in good humor.



*Good Luck,  
"Chirp"*

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I married Ernest Diesslin on May 13, 1978 and we have resided in Holden in the home we built. My husband is retired.

We had no children but I have a "grandson" who is now 16. I became his foster or surrogate grandmother when he was born and I'm now "Grandma" ever since. I attend Grandparent's Day every year with him at Worcester Academy. He's a great young man and a big help when he's not studying or involved in sports.

I am a retired Registered Nurse. After graduation, I entered The Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1958. I worked full time and eventually went back to school and after a long, long time, graduated from Worcester State College with an ABSN. I worked for 40 years in various areas of medicine and retired in 1998.

My husband and I like to travel and especially enjoyed our trips to the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, San Francisco, Toronto, Montreal and Las Vegas. (We go to Vegas once a year.) Maine is our favorite summer spot.

I enjoy gardening, knitting, baking, and volunteering at Church and Hope Lodge. I also enjoy walks with our daschund, Fritz.

My "Special Memory" is being a member of the Massachusetts All-State Chorus, February 25, 1955. We sang in Boston's Symphony Hall. It was a special feeling, sitting on the stage and being part of the concert with so many other students from all over the state. I still have my copy of the record (33 1/3 RPM)!





## GRACE FITTS

*"Gaye"*

A quiet and industrious member of our class, she is well-liked by all. Her high scholastic average, perfect behavior, and extra-curricular participation won her the honor of being D.A.R. Representative. She has also been a member of Good Writers' Club 3; Dramatic Club 1; Highest Honors 1; Honors 3; Treasury of Student Council 1; Glee Club 1; Orchestra 3; and Voice Class 4.

*Best of luck in whatever you choose,  
"Gaye"*



*Miss Grace Ella Fitts*

## *This is Your Life*

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Grace married Roger Lavallee and has been living in Southbridge for many years. She worked at the Southbridge Evening News (now The Stonebridge Press).

Grace and Roger had three children: Sharon Rose Lavallee (1961)  
Michelle Marie Lavallee (1968)  
Roger Armand Lavallee (1971)

Grace was always one of our quiet students and always a "lady". She had a very happy life with her dear husband and children.



**Name:** Janet Nedzweckas

**Address:** 12 Osgood Road  
PO Box 164  
Charlton City, MA 01508

**Marriage Information:**

Married, May 25, 1957  
to William A. Nedzweckas

**Telephone** 508-248-7993

**E-mail:** e-mail - jnedz37@yahoo.com

**Fondly: (Children. Grandchildren, Gr. Grandchildren) A Photocopy of a family picture would be a nice touch.**

*I have 5 wonderful children, 2 girls, 3 boys, 10 beautiful & handsome Grandchildren  
5 girls, 5 boys.*

**Occupation: Hobbies, Travel, and whatever else you wish us all to know. Tell us about your Last 50 years. This is your life.**

*Billy and I lived in Southbridge from 1958 to July of 1959 where we had 2 daughters. In August of 1959 I went with my husband to live in Sanborn, N.Y., on an Indian Reservation, in a trailer, while he worked construction on the Niagara Power Project. Four years, and two more children (2 sons), we then moved our trailer and ourselves to the Nedzweckas farm in Charlton. After having another son we decided we had to get out of the trailer, it was much to small. We built a home on Osgood Road. We have been here ever since.*

*I've worked since my last baby was two years old.. I worked at Howard Johnson's on the Mass Pike in Charlton, 3 days a week for 6 years. As time went on, there was a full time secretary job at Charlton City Grade School, I applied and got the job. When the new Heritage School was built, the town closed City Grade School, I went there as administrative secretary. I have now been with the Charlton School District for 30 years. I do like my job or I would not have stayed .*

*As for traveling, I've done a great amount of traveling. I've been to Canada , Aruba and to most of the States. I do not care for the southwest it is to hot & dry for me.*

*Hobbies: I like to work in my garden (mostly flowers) I like dancing, playing poker, being with family and friends, the grandchildren and working on the computer.*

**How about a funny story you remember about Charlton High School or a Special Memory you would care to share?**

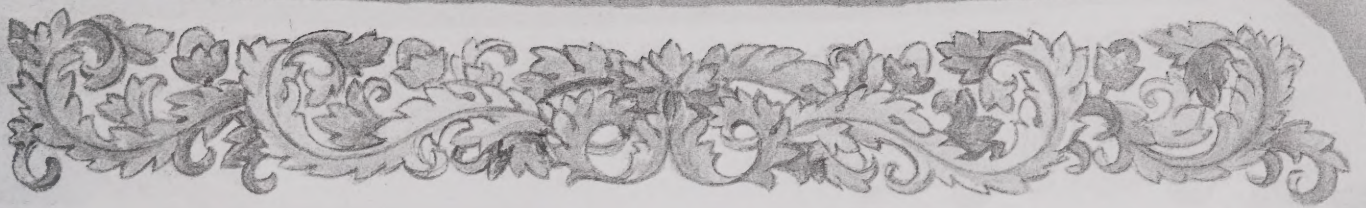
*In the eight grade I remember Ray Williams threw my shoe across the room. Mrs. Madeous gave him the devil.*

*I remember all the fun I had in the school plays with all my peers and Mrs. Fiske as director.*

*A great time being a cheerleader. Then, we did our own coaching. Now they have a cheerleader coach, with the cheerleaders having all sorts of dance and gymnastic lessons. Things do change.*

*Our class trip to Washington DC. It's funny now, but it wasn't then. Sylvia, Ethel and I got into trouble for not keeping up with our group. The teachers thought we had gone with another school group (which we did not do) and had us stick to them like glue the rest of the trip. I was in tears. Mrs. Fiske & Mrs. Hammond would not let us out of their sight, till it was bed time. They no doubt looked in on us then as well, to see if we ran away in the night. It was a great trip and we did have a good time.*



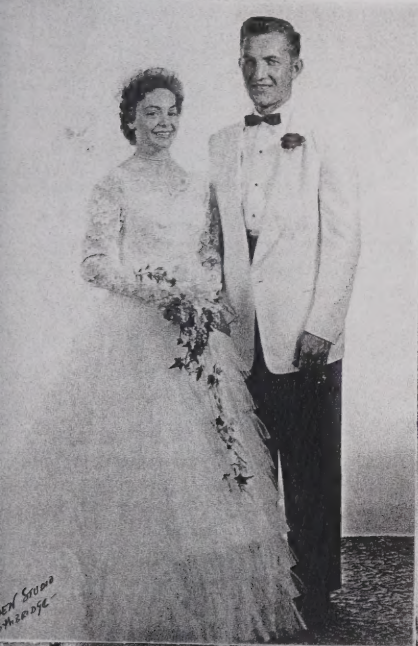


## JANET GERMAIN

*"Bummy"*

Whenever you hear a crazy laugh you will know it is Jan. Jan is one of the wittiest members of our class and is seldom seen without a smile. She has participated in Voice Class 4; Glee Club 1; Dramatic Club 3; Pre-Drivers' 1; Cheerleading 1. She played the part of Bummy in our Senior Play, and was a Class Officer 1.

*Best of luck in your plans  
to become a secretary,  
"Jan"*



of Senior  
the age



*Miss Janet Ann Germain*



*Miss Sylvia Patricia Ianniccheri*

*This is Your Life*

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Married Francis Fahey on January 28, 1956.

We have 4 children, Kim, Jill, Rayne and Francis and 10 grandchildren, ages 3-25.  
They are the joy of my life.

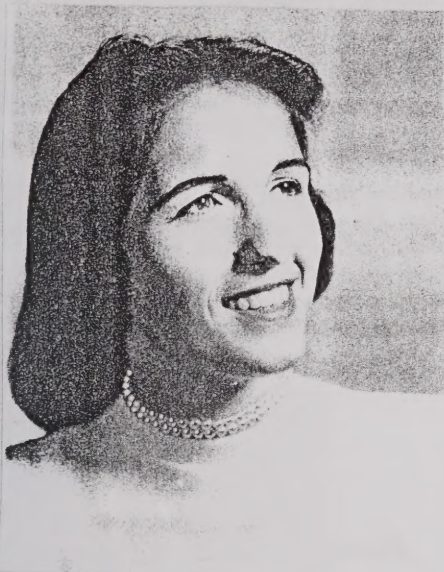
I moved to Spencer, MA in 1968, worked for Dr. Tieri until I moved to Florida in 1989. I've been on a few cruises, went to California and Italy. I visit my children often and love working in my flower gardens.

We will be celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary soon.

Memories: The dances at the Grange Hall and the Basketball games in the Town Hall.







## SYLVIA IANNICCHERI

### "Spaghetti"

Spaghetti, the girl with shining black hair, clear complexion, and a winning smile. That's our Syl. She is one of the most active girls in sports in our class. She was Captain of Basketball and Cheerleading this year. She participated in Basketball 4; Cheerleading 4; Volleyball 1; Softball 3; Glee Club 3; Voice Class 4; and Athletic Club 3.

*Best of Luck,  
"Syl"*





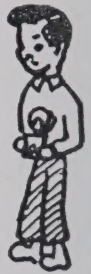


## JAMES O'LEARY

*"Jim"*

Jim, who joined us this year is a veteran of the Korean war. He is a good sport, can always take a joke, and is well-liked by all. He has been active in Photography Club 1; plus working hard in school activities.

*Good Luck,  
"Jim"*



*James O'Leary*

### *This is Your Life*

James O'Leary

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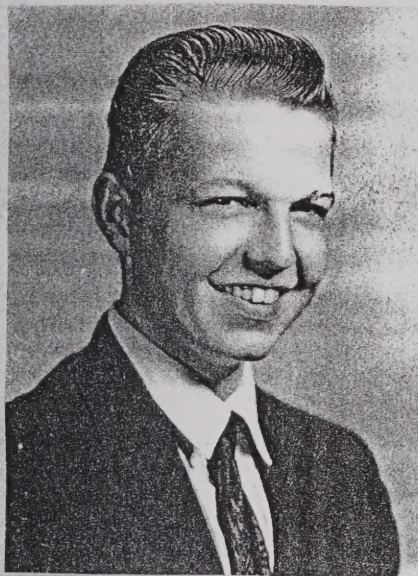
I am married to a wonderful woman, Arline and I have two sons from my first marriage, James and Jay. Mark and Tanila (James children).

I am a Retired Railroad Safety Inspector for the State of Arizona as well as a Retired M/SGT U.S.A.F.

We enjoy R-Ving, Researching the Family Tree, enjoying my extended family of grandchildren and our great grandchild.

Memories: My part time job while finishing High School was that of a grave digger, which was the subject of laughter from some of my classmates.





## KENNETH MANNING

*"Ken"*

"Ken" or "Kenfred" as he is sometimes called may be one of the quieter members of our class, but he is also ready for a laugh. He participated in Pre-Drivers' 2; Good Writers' 1; Athletic Club 1. He did a good job as the officer in the Senior Play.

*Good Luck,  
"Ken"*



*Kenneth Donald Manning*

## *This is Your Life*

Kenneth D. Manning  
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I am married and have been for 42 years.

We have 4 children, 3 girls and 1 boy, 3 Grandchildren, two of whom live in Egypt ( a boy and a girl).

I am retired. I was in the Army for 3 years, spent 2 years in Germany. I used to go deep sea fishing a lot. I worked 30 years driving truck and I enjoyed planting a small garden every year.

Memories: Three of us skipped school one day to go play pool in Southbridge and we all got caught.





WILBUR JOHNSON

"Wilb"

One of the most reserved members of our class. "Wilb" is friendly with everyone and is a very good sport. Because of his outstanding character and his excellent scholastic record he was chosen as a Graduation Speaker. He also did a swell job as George in our Senior Play. He has been active in Glee Club 3; Class Officer 1; Baseball 2; Pre-Drivers' 2; Athletic 2.

Good Luck,  
"Wilb"



### *This is Your Life*

Wilbur A. Johnson  
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I married Nan Prescott from Auburn in 1966 and we have lived at 81 South St. in Auburn since that time. We have a son, Scott.

I retired from the Town of Auburn in 1999. I was in charge of the Cemetery Department for 35 years.

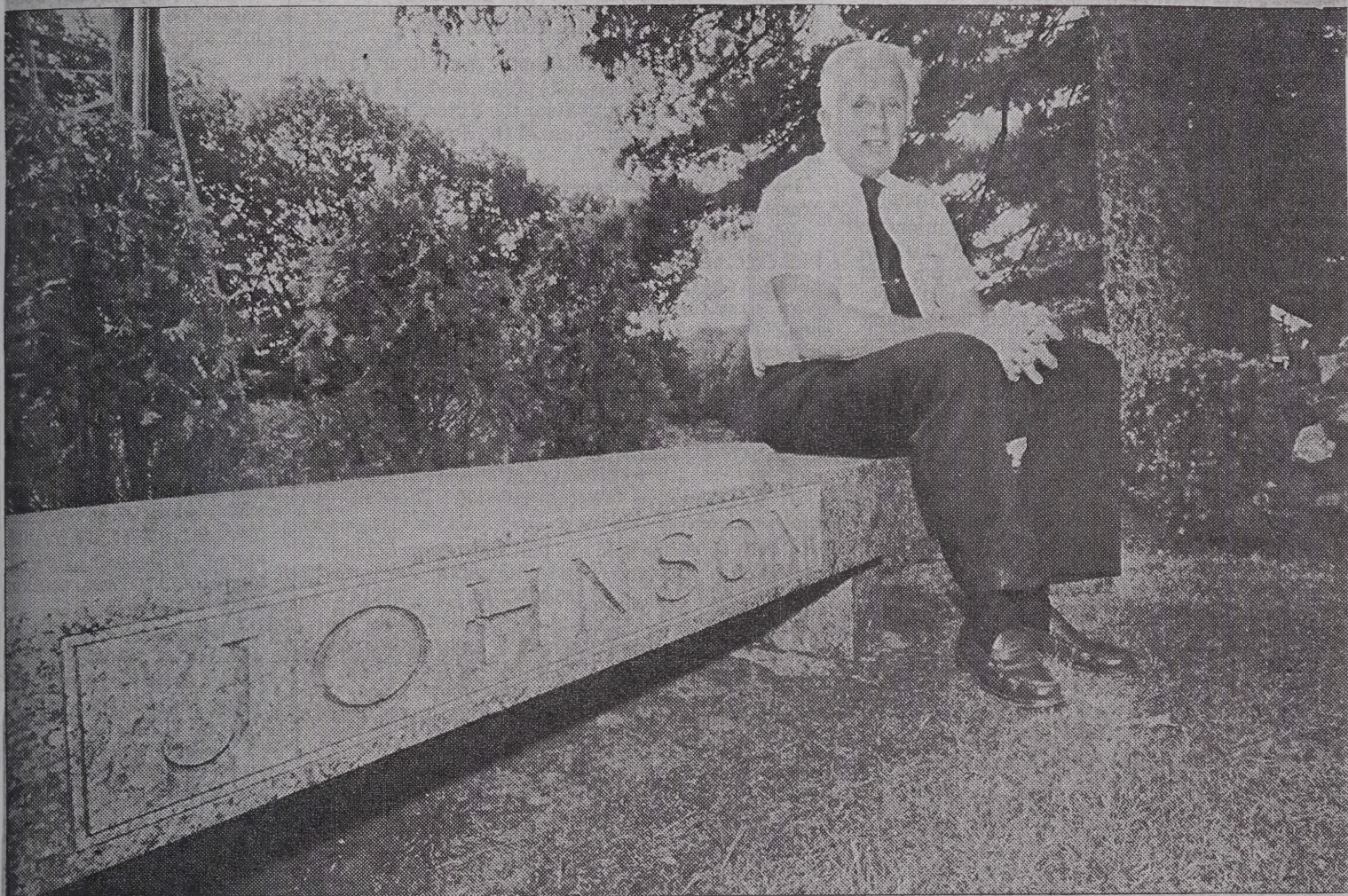
After Charlton High School I worked at the AO, then went to U. Mass, Stockbridge, studying Forestry and graduated in 1960. In December of 1960 I entered the US Army and was sent to Germany. I was out in '62. I then worked for a tree company until 1964 and then worked for the Town of Auburn until 1999.

Travel: Yes!! Hawaii, Ireland, England, France, Holland and in 2004 to Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

Hobbies: Fishing, Bowling (Candlepin)--I like to mow lawns and have for 40 plus years.

Memories: Our teacher, Sarah Madaus, taught my grandmother, my mother and then me.





T&G Staff/BETTY JENEWIN

Retiring Auburn Cemetery Superintendent Wilbur A. Johnson sits on a bench he had built at his family burial plot at Hillside Cemetery. A party will be thrown for Johnson Friday at the cemetery.

# Cemetery super plots retirement

By Gerard F. Russell  
TELEGRAM & GAZETTE STAFF

**AUBURN** — If you see a party going on in Hillside Cemetery on Friday, don't worry — the cemetery superintendent knows about it.

The party is for that superintendent: Wilbur A. Johnson, who will retire this month after 35 years.

His co-workers plan to treat him to a barbecue where he feels most comfortable, in the cemetery.

"They figure that is where I spend all my time, so it would be fitting," Johnson reasoned.

Johnson is so comfortable at Hillside, he plans to spend eternity there. Years ago, Johnson purchased a family plot; on the future grave he has placed a long granite bench big enough to seat several adults. The Johnson family name is engraved on it. Many a day he gets some use out of the bench.

People walk and bicycle in the cemetery all the time.

"Everyday we have our faithful come through," Johnson said of those who enjoy the peaceful setting of tall trees, flower beds and neatly trimmed shrubs.

Philip J. Parker, a cemetery commissioner, said holding a party in the cemetery isn't such an odd thing.

"Cemeteries, years ago, were where people gathered to have picnics and tend the lots. They were not as we look at them today," Parker said. "We would like people to look at this place and see what a treasure the town has."

As Johnson looks back on his career, the worst part of the job

**'We had to dig by hand and throw the dirt into the truck. The first 18 inches to two feet (of soil) we put on a tarpaulin at graveside. We had no other choice.'**

**WILBUR A. JOHNSON**  
CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

ended years ago.

"I dug six graves in eight days," Johnson recalled.

Standing outside the Hillside Cemetery garage yesterday, Johnson, 62, moved a hand to his chin, thought for a moment and said he has probably dug more than 2,400 graves in his 35 years as a cemetery worker.

The first year was the hardest, though.

He figures he and another grave digger, Archie Mitchell, dug 40 to 50 graves that year with only a shovel. That was 1964, the year he was hired as superintendent.

"In winter, it was a big problem," Johnson said.

Johnson had to go down to the Highway Department and borrow



# Grave concerns have been

## Johnson's specialty

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an air compressor and run a jackhammer when the ground was frozen.

"That was only the beginning of the work. Then we had to dig by hand and throw the dirt into the truck. The first 18 inches to two feet (of soil) we put on a tarpaulin at graveside. We had no other choice," he recalled. Mitchell, then 65, was wiry but strong, Johnson said.

"Boy, he was in good shape. It would take us almost four hours to hand-dig a grave," Johnson said. It got awfully tiring shoveling uphill, he noted.

Thankfully, the next year cemetery commissioners decided it was finally time to buy a backhoe for the back-breaking task, he said.

### BENCH TIME

Although Johnson is retiring, he is in no hurry to use his plot anytime soon.

On occasion, though, he uses his bench. When there is a funeral, Johnson said he changes his clothes, from jeans and T-shirt to what he called his "church attire." He greets the family, he said, and often helps carry the casket to the grave.

"Then I disappear, change and take out the backhoe," Johnson said.

While he waits for a graveside service to end, Johnson said he usually sits on his bench at the family plot.

**'Cemeteries, years ago, were where people gathered to have picnics and tend the lots. They were not as we look at them today.'**

PHILIP J. PARKER

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

Johnson has known many of the people for whom he has dug graves. Many died old and lived long lives, he said. The saddest times are preparing a grave for a child or a teenager, he said.

Johnson, a friendly man with a constant smile, said he is usually able to distance himself from the pain and sorrow many people feel in a cemetery, where loved ones are buried. This is a job for Johnson, and sentimentality is not part of the routine.

### FRIEND'S PASSING

Of course, there are times when he can't help but think of the person who will be buried in a grave he has dug. "It makes a difference when you know the person," he conceded.

So, when friend Henry A. Zimmer-

man died this year, Johnson said he was saddened. Zimmerman, who owned a greenhouse off Massasoit Road, often saved flowers for the cemetery and donated them. Johnson planted them in the veterans memorial flower bed, he said.

"It would be very pretty, and the cost was the way we liked it — free," Johnson said.

Then there was the lady who baked the cemetery workers' pumpkin bread at Christmas time because she was grateful at how nicely her loved one's grave was tended.

As superintendent, Johnson and his staff care for three cemeteries. Hillside, on Central Street, is the largest. It dates to 1846. There is also Center Cemetery up the street and West Auburn Cemetery, next to Wendy's Restaurant on Southbridge Street.

It seems Johnson is most proud of the brick office building and garage the commission built in 1968. An addition was built three years ago. It was a big improvement from the small, 9-by-12-foot wooden building that used to barely house the office and equipment.

Among the small touches Johnson provides that people appreciate are watering cans at faucets around the cemetery.

A native of Charlton, Johnson has lived in Auburn 34 years. When he retires Sept. 30, he will continue working for himself doing small landscaping jobs.

As for why he has a bench as a gravestone marker, Johnson explained, "I just always wanted a bench. I thought it was nice."



*William James Benoit*



**WILLIAM BENOIT**

*"Bill"*

Bill is one of the quieter members of our class, but don't let him fool you, he is by no means bashful. Bill is always agreeable, friendly, and a good sport. He worked hard for our Senior activities and did a good job as Martin in our Senior Play. He participated in Athletic Club 2; Pre-Drivers' 2; Class Officer 2; and Honors 1.



*Good Luck,  
"Bill"*

**William (Bill) Benoit**

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**FIFTY YEARS FOLLOWING MY GRADUATION DAY FROM CHARLTON HIGH SCHOOL JUNE, 1955. BILL BENOIT**

Joined the Air Force and trained for Air Traffic Control right after graduation. Four years later came back to civilian life after spending three years in England and managing a short trip to Paris.

Attended Electronics School in Chicago with Paul Riopel. Finished that and was called by the FAA for civilian Air Traffic Control. My first assignment was Wheeling, WV. It was there that I met my wife Ades Freeman.

I transferred to Washington D.C. (Washington Nat'l Airport) where Ades and I were married and raised three sons, Bill, Paul and Mark.

Eight years later I transferred to Bradley Int'l Airport in Windsor Locks, CT and we lived in Enfield, CT.

Our family moved to Somers, CT in 1973. I retired from the FAA after twenty five years of service in April, 1986.

Ades and I formed a small Mom and Pop Business in 1987. Business went well until we terminated it in 1999. My wife Ades became ill with cancer and died on January 14, 2001.

As a widower life became different for me. I continued to attend church where Ades and I worshipped.

At the same church I met a widow named Kathleen, we became acquainted..... We decided to marry on September 26, 2003. We have settled in Enfield, CT.

Our combined family now numbers ten children, thirty four grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren with three more on the way at this writing, God willing.

After thoughts:

I did survive The Controller Strike of The Reagan Presidency.

I have spent some time in Florida and made several auto trips around the country.

My hobbies have been woodworking and gardening. Now I enjoy projects in our new surroundings and the Boston Red Sox!!!!!!



Nancy M. (Shea) McManmon  
Happily Married 33 years to James McManmon,  
Two Children: Erin (McManmon) McDonnell, .

Sean, also recently married  
No grandchildren yet....

Following our graduation from Charlton High School, I attended Worcester School of Business Science, and graduated with a degree in Medical Secretarial. In the Fall of 1956, my family moved from Charlton to Northboro, Mass. I spent the next three years working in medical secretarial positions. I was also active in youth work in my church. I enjoyed teaching young students, and in 1959, I joined the Sisters of St. Joseph, the same Sisters who had taught us in religion classes at St. Joseph's Church. The Sisters of St. Joseph also teach in several schools in the Worcester and Springfield area. I was a sister for eleven and a half years. During that time, I completed my college degree for teaching and spent the next nine years in teaching both elementary and high schools in Springfield, Berkshires, and Worcester area.

In June, 1971, I left the religious community and moved to Los Angeles, California, and work for a year for the LA County Medical Association. During this time, I married Jim McManmon, who was also a teacher. A year later, we returned to live in Massachusetts.

While living in Shrewsbury, our beautiful redheaded daughter, Erin was born, in 1973, and our wonderful son Sean, in 1975. I enjoyed being a parent and also teaching in their Pre-School.

In November, 1978, we had an opportunity to continue our work in teaching needy children and teens in crisis. With a lot of love and trust in the Almighty, we accepted this challenge. We had to move to Las Vegas, Nevada, where we were trained by the Boys Town Staff and were able to operate our own group foster care home, working for the past 25 years with over 260 boys and their families. Our main goal, was to stabilize good behaviors and habits in the boys and to reunite them with their families. We also counseled parents on behavior management. Most of these boys had sad stories, some had been taken out of their homes, either by the State Juvenile Courts or at the request of parents, because they were unable to control their behaviors at home and/or at school. Though we had a lot of tough challenges, it was wonderful and rewarding work. We finally retired a year ago.

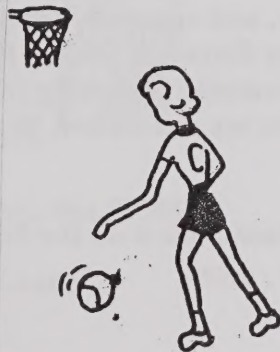


NANCY SHEA

"Red"

If you ever go into a diner and you see a tall redhead as a waitress, you can be sure it's our "Red." Red has been very active in sports and was one of the stars in the girls' basketball team this year. Red is a very good sport as we all know from our Senior Play "*I am a Flower*," she has also taken part in Dramatic Club 4; Glee Club 3; Voice Class 2; Basketball 4; Softball 4; Volleyball 1; and Honors 2.

*Good Luck,  
"Red"*



*Miss Nancy Marie Shea*

After all these years, Jim and I are enjoying the quiet life. I'm getting back to doing oil painting, and learning to play piano. Jim is expressing his talents as a writer, poet and also has a part time job in sales. It is unusual for us not to have a house full of laughing children. Our own two children, Sean and Erin are married and successful in their chosen careers, Erin has a Masters degree in Speech Therapy and works for the school district in Portland, and Sean has degrees in Computer Science and Philosophy and works for IGT in Reno, as a Network Administrator. We are looking forward to a possible future move ourselves to either Reno or Oregon, to be closer to our children.

We thank God for the work He gave us to do. We cannot ask for any greater reward, than to see that so many of our other "children" have grown up to be good and productive American citizens.

I look forward to seeing you all in the Fall of 2005, God willing.

Best wishes, Nancy





Married Joseph J. Siauris on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1962 at St. Joseph's Church in Leicester, MA

Family: 2 Children:

Joseph D. born in Worcester on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1963.

Joe is not married. He is a foreman for Greenwood Industries in Millbury.

Christine A. born in Worcester on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1964

Christine is a graduate of Clark Univ. and currently teaching High School Math and Psychology at Moses Brown School in Providence RI. She received her masters in Mathematics Teaching from the University of Maryland where she met my son-in-law, Wayne Jenkins.

They have two beautiful little girls, Rachel born on the fourth of July 1996 and Sydney born April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

Occupation:

After leaving good Ole Charlton High, I went to Comptometer School in Worcester and in September of that year started to work for the Payroll Dept at Thom McAn Co. in Worcester. There I met my husband Joe Siauris and we were married in 1962. It was at ThomMcAn that I met two of my dearest lifelong friends.

I quit Thom McAn at the end of 1962 and stayed home to raise my two children. We bought a house in Auburn in 1969 and have been there ever since.

When the children were pretty much grown, I went back to work part time, at first, then full time at Hahnemann Hospital (which merged with Holden Hospital which merged with Memorial Hospital which merged with U-Mass. Now I work for UMassMemorial Health Center. I work in Information Systems and I really love what I do. Just as the Class Prophecy predicted, I am working with machines (computers, printers etc) and love it.





## LUCILLE SCHWARTZ

"Lucy"

Flashing dark eyes, brilliant black hair and neat appearance describe our Lucy. She has participated in Dramatic Club 4 years and has worked hard on all class activities. She plans on working with business machines later on in life.

*Lots of Luck,  
"Lucy"*



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*Miss Lucille Ann Schwartz*

I have been trying to think of a funny story but cannot come up with one particular story. What I do remember is the long ride we had (most of us) to school and back on the school bus. By the end of the day we were all so wound up that we drove our driver (Hap Stone) out of his mind. Every day someone got thrown off the bus and had to walk home. We had much more fun and laughs on the way home then we should have. I also remember that the only person that didn't have to take the bus because she lived across the common, Nancy Shea, was the only one that was always late for class.





## MARY LOU PIKE

"Lou"

Our tall, blue-eyed vivacious Lou has been very active in her high school years, especially in girls' sports. She was one of our star basketball players, as well as a cheerleader for 2 years. She was also Lunch Counter Manager 1; Business Manager 1; Paper Staff 4; Dramatic Club 4; Student Council Member 1; Class Officer 4 and Honors 2.

*Best of Luck,  
"Lou"*



### *This is Your Life*

Mary Lou Pike Carr Tel: (207) 363-2369  
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Norwood Farms Rd.  
York Harbor, ME 03911

*Miss Mary Louise Pike*

Mary Lou married first Clifford Shedd soon after graduation and they had three Children: Wayne, who died young in a traffic accident.

Glenn, who is married and has one daughter.

Laurie, who is married and living in Elliot, ME. They have one daughter.

Mary Lou married second to Robert Carr and they reside in York Harbor, ME.

Over the years Mary Lou has kept herself busy either working in or managing restaurants. She was always a natural at meeting and making people feel at home, as many of their Charlton friends can tell you from their visits with Mary Lou and her husband at their Maine home. The area around York Harbor can boast of many Charltonians, who summer there. It is a very lovely place.

We know that Mary Lou has had many setbacks with health in the last few years and we wish her all the best for the future.



## MADELINE SOUCY

*"Mad"*

Where there's "Mad" there's "Dave," and we can't blame him for she is very attractive and well-liked by all her classmates. She worked hard in all our Senior activities and has been in Dramatic Club 1; Pre-Drivers' 1; Photography Club 2; Glee Club 3 and Voice Class 4.

*Best of luck in the future,  
"Mad"*



*Miss Madeline Soucy*

### *This is Your Life*

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Married Joseph Yvan Proulx on July 6, 1957.

We have a Daughter, Michelle Ann, husband Charles.

We have 2 Step Grandsons, Michael and Kevin.

Where did the last 50 years go? When I graduated from High School I went to work in Worcester for about 3 years. In the meantime, I met my husband, Yvan at my sister's wedding. I got married 6 months later, moved to Southbridge and in 1958 had my daughter, Michelle. I stayed at home until she was about three and then worked at Russell Harrington in the Accounting Dept. until we decided she needed me more at home until she went to school at Notre Dame, where I volunteered in the library until they closed the school. I then got a job in the principal's office at Mary E. Wells Jr., High and retired 6 years ago as secretary to the principal after 25 years.

I am now into the antiques business and really enjoying myself, doing some traveling (Maine, Yellowstone, Canada, Florida), different places at different times. So far enjoying life and counting my blessings. I'm sure there are many more things I could write about. So many memories.





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Family: Three stepdaughters and one stepson. We enjoy visiting our children and seven grandchildren (grandkids range in age from one to 21 years of age.). This involves some travel as they live in Connecticut, Upstate New York, North Dakota and New York City. Our oldest grandchild is serving in the U.S. Navy. Note: I kept my maiden name with my husband's approval. We have fun with our names, especially when he is called "Mr. Roussel."

Occupation: After graduation, I worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge, Mass. for five years. Following my mother's death, a friend and I moved to Hartford, Conn. I worked as a teller and secretary for several years. I enjoyed working with the public and returned to the banking industry. I worked my way "up the ladder" and became a branch manager.

We moved to Harrisburg, PA in 1978. My husband started a new job and I returned to school. I attended Penn State University-Capitol Campus and earned a degree in business administration in 1983. I worked as a loan officer in a new mortgage program established by state law administered by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. I became the senior loan officer in 1991 until my retirement in 1999 at age 62.

We spent last winter in Florida and intend to spend our winters there as long as possible. We also spend part of the summers in Maine.

Over the years, I have done white-water canoeing, camping and hiking, cross-country skiing and sailing. For a number of years, we owned a sailboat and sailed on the Chesapeake Bay. I also enjoy my home, gardening and my cats.

Presently, I volunteer for a no-kill animal shelter. My husband and I are members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation - Philadelphia Chapter.

Memories of Charlton High: I remember our dedicated teachers, especially Mrs. Fiske, Miss Hammond and Mrs. Maddous. I don't have any stories to relate, but do remember the kindness and caring of all our teachers.

It's been a good 50 years. I am fortunate to be blessed with good health and a loving family.

*Pat Roussel*







PATRICIA ROUSELL  
"Pat"

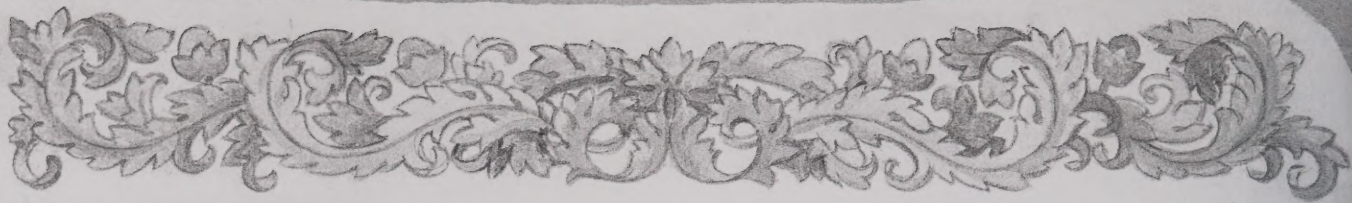
One of the quiet members of our class has a friendly smile and a pleasing personality. She is a lot of fun. We know Pat will always be successful in whatever she chooses to do. She has been active in Glee Club 3; Voice Class 4; Dramatic Club 1; Pre-Drivers' 1; Photography 1; Good Writers' 1; and Regular honors 3.

*Best of Luck,  
"Pat"*



*Miss Patricia Elaine Roussel*









## ELIZABETH PICHE

"Betty"

Betty, with her pleasing personality and winning smile, is one of the best-liked girls in our class. She has worked hard in our Senior activities and she participated in Good Writers' Club 1; Pre-Divers' 1; Photography 1; Voice Class 3; Glee Club 3; Class Officer 1; and attended the musical festival 1. We are certain she will be a success in whatever she undertakes.

Good Luck,  
"Betty"



### *This is Your Life*

Elizabeth Piche La Hair    Tel.: (508) 248-9389  
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After graduation I went to work at the American Optical Company and later worked for Paul Revere Life Insurance Co. I married John LaHair and had three children.

My children are: John LaHair

Stephen LaHair, married to Astrid and living in Tennessee.

They have two daughters, Katrina and Olivia.

Cheryl LaHair has one daughter, Breanna.

My interests are reading and, mainly, spending time with my grand-daughter, Breanna, who lives with me. I live in Charlton Center and occasionally go to the Senior Center, which is in the old Charlton High School.

*Miss Elizabeth Anne Piche*



## MEREDITH WEST

*"Merry"*

When you see a little black chevy coming your way, you can be sure its driver is "Merry." Meredith, one of the nicest girls in our class, is well-liked by everyone. She has taken part in many Senior activities. She has been accepted at Cushing Academy. Meredith has taken part in Dramatic Club 2; Photography 1; and Pre-Drivers' 1.

*Good Luck in College,  
"Meredith"*



*Miss Meredith West*

### *This is Your Life*

Merideth West Shonbeck  
Union Rt. Rd.  
Webster, MA 01570

Tel: (508) 949-2218

Merideth is retired in 2000 from the Worcester Insurance Company where she worked for many years as a bookkeeper. She has rental property at Long Lake in Naples, ME which keeps her very busy and she spends many happy weekends in ME.

Merideth has two boys, Dana and Scott. Dana is unmarried and lives in the area but Scott is married and he and his wife Michelle have two children, Jessica (7) and Mark (3) and reside in Houston, Texas.





*"God looked around His garden and found an empty place.*

*He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.*

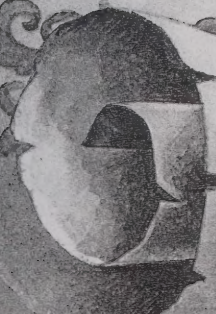
*He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.*

*He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered:*

*"Peace be thine."*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you Home."*





## BEVERLEY SARGENT

"Midge"

The shortest member of our class is well-known for her cooperative attitude, her thoughtfulness, and good manners. She had the lead in our Senior Play and did a marvelous job. We think she plans to become a teacher. Her excellent record won her the honor of being a Graduation Speaker. She was active in Dramatic Club 4; Voice Class 2; Glee Club 2; Paper Staff 3 and Girls' Basketball Manager 2.

*Best of luck in the future,  
"Bev"*



*Miss Beverly Ann Sargent*

Beverly attended U. Mass in Amherst for one year after graduation and then left college to marry Charles Hill. They moved to Maine where they had two children, Charles Jr. and a daughter that died shortly after birth. Charles Jr. had three daughters; Jessica and Sondra, who reside in Florida and Anna who lives in Alfred, ME with her mother. Charles and Beverly divorced and Beverly's son Charles Jr. died in March of 2005.

Beverly remarried Jack Renaud and moved to Narragansett, RI where they had a daughter, Beverly Ann. Her daughter had two sons, Luke and Cooper.

During the time that Beverly lived in RI she worked for the Narragansett School System as a teacher aide and lived on a small farm where she kept horses and dogs. Her love for riding never subsided—all the way from her pony, "Squeaky", her old riding horse "Pat" to her subsequent pets. When she moved back to Alfred, ME to live with her son, she had to sell her horses. She lived with him until her death in December of 2001.

We will always remember her from High School and her involvement in all activities. She was always a good friend to all. We wish her "Happy Trails" where ever she is!





**CONSTANCE LAVIGNE**

*"Connie"*

Always attractive, studious, friendly and polite, Connie has traveled through her high school career as one of the leaders of the Class of 1955. This record won her the honor of being chosen as Graduation Speaker. She was president of Student Council 1; Dramatic Club 4; Voice Class 4; Glee Club 3; Orchestra 4; Class Officer 2; and Paper Staff 3.

*Best of Luck,  
"Connie"*



## Constance Silvestri, 56, services tomorrow <sup>DoD</sup> 1/8/1994

**SOUTHBIDGE** — Constance J. (Lavigne) Silvestri, 56, of 103 Hartwell St., formerly of South Street, died Saturday night in Lincoln Rehabilitation Center, Worcester, after an illness.

She leaves two sisters, Priscilla L. Eastman and Carol A. Passarelli, both of Charlton; nephews and nieces.

She was born in Southbridge, daughter of Ena and Bernadette (L'Ecuyer) Lavigne, and lived here most of her life. She once lived in California.

She graduated from the former Charlton High School in 1955 and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in 1959.

Mrs. Silvestri was once a systems engineer in California. She was a member of Notre Dame Church, where she was a Eucharistic minister, and sang for many years in its choir. She was a member of the Quinebaug Valley Singers. She was also first vice president of the Southbridge Woman's Club.

The funeral will be held tomorrow from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., with a mass at 11 a.m. in Notre Dame Church, 456 Main St. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in New Notre Dame Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home are 10 to 10:45 a.m. tomorrow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 7 Oak St., Worcester, 01609; or Notre Dame Church, Renovation Fund, 61 Marcy St., Southbridge, 01550.

*Miss Constance Joan Lavigne*



**HOLLAND** – Esther M. (Stevens) Davis, 57, of Over the Top Road, died yesterday, the day after her birthday, in her home after a two-year battle with cancer.

She leaves her husband of 38 years, Alfred B. Davis; three sons, Alfred D. Davis of Holland, Curtis I. Davis of Sutton and Scott V. Davis of Monson; two daughters, Mary Lou A. Sharma in Italy and Lou Ann M. Goudreau of Holland; her mother, Grace E. (Latore) Davis Reed, her stepfather, Arthur Reed, of Charlton; four brothers, Frederick, Henry and Willard Stevens, all of Charlton, and Charles Stevens of Thompson; eight sisters, Eleanor White of Oxford, Eva Aubin of Worcester, Bernice Stone, Joan Philbrook, Dora Davis, Dianne Leite and Debra Madaga, all of Charlton, and Grace Wadden in Florida; 11 grandchildren; nephews and nieces.

She was born in Charlton, daughter of Ira D. Stevens, and lived many years in Oxford and eight years here.

She graduated from Charlton High School in 1955.

Mrs. Davis was a baker at the Masonic Home in Charlton for 12 years, retiring in 1990.

She was a member of Charlton Bible Fellowship, and a former member of First United Methodist Church in Charlton and Oxford United Methodist Church. She enjoyed sewing and several crafts.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Charlton Bible Fellowship, 6 Haggerty Road, Charlton. Burial will be in North Cemetery, Oxford.

Calling hours at Paradis Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gynecological and Oncology Research, care of Dr. Beth Nelson, University of Massachusetts Medical Center, 55 Lake Avenue, North, Worcester, 01655.



**ESTHER STEVENS**

*"Esther"*

A girl with an ever-ready smile and cooperative manner, well-liked by everyone wherever she goes. Esther is the girl who has the only diamond in our class. She is proud of it, too. She had taken part in Pre-Drivers' 1; Good Writers' Club 2; Dramatic club 2; Home Economics' 4 and Basketball 1.

*Good Luck,  
"Esther"*

*Miss Esther May Stevens*

**Esther M. Davis, 57**

**Charlton High graduate** 21 Mar 1994



## LEO SULLIVAN

"Lee"

Lee joined the Seniors in September and we were very pleased to have him with us. Having served with the Army in World War II, he returned to Charlton High to finish his education. He is married and has two children. Whatever he plans to do, we know he will be successful.

*Good Luck,  
"Lee"*



Leo became a member of our Class of 55 when he returned from the Army after having served 5 years. He was married to Anita Ianniccheri, graduated high school and completed 2 years at Worcester Junior College under the GI Bill. Leo and Anita raised 6 children. He was employed as a Cost Analyst at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 30 years. He retired to Jupiter, Florida. Leo passed away in Dec. 1983.



*William Richard Cameron*

## WILLIAM CAMERON

*"Billy"*

Whenever you see a short guy with a DA hair cut making everyone laugh, you know it's our Bill, one of the most mischievous boys in our class. But what would we do without him! Bill surprised us all with his acting ability which he brought out when he played Roger in our Senior Play. He has been active in Pre-Drivers' 2; Athletic 1; Photography 1; and Class Basketball.

*Best of Luck to you,  
"Billy"*



DOD 2-12-1956

## Charlton Youth Dies in Crash On Route 12

William R. Cameron, 18, of Hammond Hill Rd., Charlton, was killed in an auto crash that occurred late Sunday night when the car in which he was riding skidded on an ice spot on Route 12 near the Whistle Stop Tavern and crashed into a tree.

Cameron was identified to the Evening News by the Oxford Police Department.

The crash injured three other youths, police said.

At Worcester City Hospital is David Rowe, 17, of 9 Huguenot Rd., with possible fractures of the skull, ribs, and right leg, and also chest injuries.

Also at Worcester City Hospital is Robert Anderson, 18, of 33 Park St., whose injuries are still being investigated. He has a fractured right arm, lacerations of the left leg and possible fracture of the spine.

At the Webster District Hospital is Irving Fitts, 19, of Oxford Rd., Charlton, whose injuries were confined to the head. He also suffered shock.

Police listed Fitts as the operator of the vehicle.

## Oxford Crash Victim's Rites To Be Wednesday

CHARLTON — The funeral of William R. Cameron, 18, son of William W. and Gladys (Paradise) Cameron of Hammond road, Dodge, will be held at the Lullmann-Paradis Funeral Home Inc., 437 Main street, Oxford, Wednesday at 2 p. m.

Rev. William Nims, pastor of the Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Northside Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home are today 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Cameron was killed instantly late Sunday night when the car in which he was a passenger skidded on the icy highway on Route 12 in Oxford.

He leaves his parents and grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb of this town. He was a graduate of the 1935 Class of Charlton High School.



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## OBITUARIES





DAVID DAM

"Dave"

Whenever you see a projector, you see Dave, one of the most reliable, and best liked boys of our class. He is always willing to give a helping hand to anyone. Dave wants to join the Air Force when he gets out of school. He had one of the leading parts in our Senior play. He participated in Pre-Drivers' 3; and Photography 1.

*Good Luck in the future,  
"Dave"*

## Obituaries

DOD 8-10-1980

### David N. Dam

CHARLTON — David N. Dam, 42, of North Main Street died yesterday in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, after a brief illness.

Mr. Dam worked as a cable splicer for New England Telephone Co. for 21 years.

He leaves his wife, Beverly G. (Hunt) Dam; a son, Shawn Dam of Charlton; two daughters, Deborah, (Mrs. Daniel) Carpenter and Penny S. Dam, both of Charlton; his mother, Lillian (Snow) Dam of Stratford, Conn.; two brothers, Henry Dam of Worcester and John Kingston of Charlton; two sister, Marilyn Moritz of Stratford, Conn.; and Jacquelyn Chicoine of Niverville, N.Y., and a grand-son.

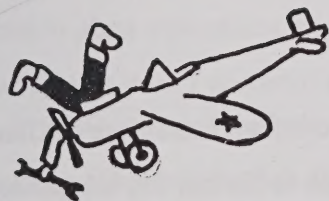
Mr Dam was born in Medford, son of the late Henry Dam, and lived in Charlton for many years.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict, and was a member of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Pioneers Club of the telephone company, treasurer of the United Methodist Church and worked with the Charlton Little League and Youth Hockey Association.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the United Methodist Church, Charlton City, with the Rev. Arthur Roebuck officiating. Burial will be in West Ridge Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, are 7 to 9 p.m. today.

The family requests that flowers be omitted and suggests donations be made to the United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, or to the American Cancer Society, 2 Washington St., Worcester.



*David Nelson Dam*



## MY LIFE IN A NUTSHELL

By Paul Riopel

In July of 1955, after graduating from Charlton High, I joined the Navy. The Navy sent me to Bainbridge, Maryland for boot camp where I also received my training in communications as a radioman. Upon completion of radio school I was sent to Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, Virginia where I worked for 11 months. It was great duty and gave me lots of time on the beaches. The Navy then transferred me to an aircraft carrier, the USS Randolph. While on the Randolph I made three Caribbean and two Mediterranean cruises over a period of 32 months. Some of the highlights of this assignment were: removing the last Americans from Cuba before Castro's takeover; seeing the Panama Canal; touring the Parthenon in Greece and many of the islands such as Rhodes, Crete, Sicily, Cypress, to name a few; visiting the Vatican in Rome and seeing Pope Pius XII; soaking up the sun and eye candy of the French Riviera wasn't too difficult for a young sailor either. One of my favorite places was Barcelona, Spain where as a radioman, I acted as liaison between Shore Patrol and local law enforcement. Living in town for the duration of our stay in Barcelona afforded the opportunity to enjoy and interact with the locals.

In May of 1959 I was discharged from the Navy, spent a little leisure time in Charlton and was then off to Chicago where I enrolled in DeVry Tech to further my education in electronics (so much for agriculture). While attending school, I met Delphine (Del) and after a whirlwind courtship of three months, we were married in August of 1960. I then went to work in the Engineering Department of Zenith Electronics making television tubes. I found working with glass to be more fascinating than the electronics.

Del and I proceeded rapidly into having a family. Our children and their birth years are: Paul (1961); John (1962); Cynthia (1963); Anita (1965); and Doreen (1969). During this time, with both Del and I working, I continued my education at a Chicago Junior College followed by ITT and we also managed to save and acquire a small home in the city of Chicago (Del being a city girl). Ah, to be young again and have all that energy!!





## PAUL RIOPEL

*"Paul"*

Paul, the president of our Senior class is known for his sense of humor, good looks, and quick answers in our class. He kept the teachers busy trying to keep up with him on our class trip. He has been a member of F.F.A. for 4 years, and also has been active in Basketball 2; President of F.F.A. 1; Class Officer 2 and was also a F.F.A. delegate to Kansas City.

*Good Luck in the future,  
"Paul"*



Zenith purchased Philco in 1973 and I was asked to transfer to Lansdale, Pennsylvania and given a promotion to Manager of Glass Engineering. We settled quickly and happily into Lansdale but the oil embargo in 1975 forced Zenith to shutter the plant and send us back to the Chicago area (Elk Grove Village, IL) to become suburbanites (much to Del's chagrin). I remained with Zenith, picking up a few more responsibilities, including the Mexico glass operations, picture tube safety and overseeing vendor glass products. During this time I acquired a patent for thermal glass processing.

In 1993, when Zenith ran into financial problems, I accepted an early retirement package. Del quit her job about a year and a-half later and we spent about three years living and traveling in our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer, fulfilling a lifelong dream for us both. We toured the country and met a lot of wonderful, interesting people (always returning to Illinois in the summer to enjoy our grandchildren) and had an absolutely wonderful time.

Del and I now live in Woodstock, IL in a rural setting on 13 acres – I just had to get back to that country feeling. Two of our daughters, Cynthia and Doreen and their families, live in the nearby small city of Crystal Lake; our son, Paul and his family still live in Elk Grove Village; our daughter, Anita and her family live in the San Diego area; and our son, John, a bachelor, lives in Clearwater, Florida. We have nine grandchildren, three boys, six girls – the oldest grandson will be in college in September, 2005. We spend a lot of time enjoying our family. We head south to sunny Florida for the winter months. Life is good.



Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
 Or sat quietly in a chair.  
 Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
 If so we saw it there.  
 Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
 As any friend could say;  
 Perhaps you were not there at all,  
 Just thought of us that day,  
 Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
 We thank you so much, whatever the part.

By the family of  
 Paul R. Riopel

Dear Fay  
 Thank you for your kind words. They are warm and comforting. As you and I have sorrowfully learned, it is the support of loving family and caring friends that carry us through.

Hope the reunion is a wonderfully good time for all of you and that some of the memories you all share of Paul make you, smile, giggle or laugh hilariously. You will then know he's right there too.  
 Del Riopel

I am sorry to inform you that Paul passed away on the very day you sent your email. Paul suffered from emphysema and contracted pneumonia shortly after we arrived in Florida for the winter. He was in the hospital for two weeks and it looked as if he was on the road to recovery when his system just gave out. I brought him home to Illinois for his final resting place.

He and I were both looking forward to the reunion but the Lord had other plans. I hope you publish the autobiography he sent you for the reunion.

Paul and I had much to be thankful for. We had each other, a great life, a wonderful family and good friends. I'm sorry I won't get to meet all the people I heard about over the years. Paul had so many fond, happy memories of his high school years. Hope you all whisper a little prayer for him.

Sincerely,

Del Riopel ——— Original

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